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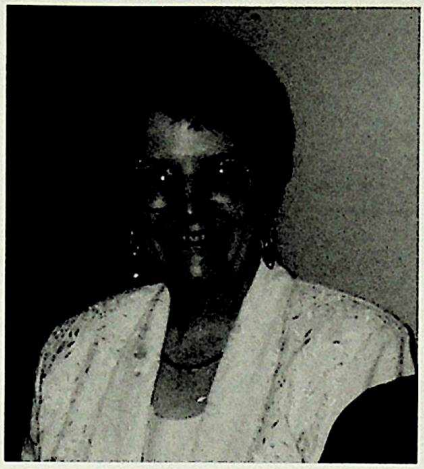
Principal's Message



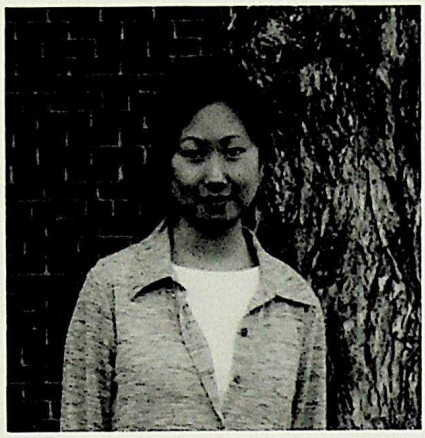
Yearbooks are books of memories that help us to recall all of the fun, the excitement and the turmoil of a year in school. 1996-97 was a year filled with memories, a year of change and growth for Stratford Academic High School. New faces, new programs, new teams and new experiences gave us a freshness and an enthusiasm that everyone could feel. I know that each of you will have much pleasure from the memories this yearbook will trigger for you.

My own high school yearbooks have provided me with hours of enjoyment. Each time I meet "faces from the past", looking them up in the yearbook provides a real context for our conversation. I marvel at how some have changed dramatically and some have seemingly not changed. I'm sure as time passes your experiences will be the same.

We only pass this way one time. May this yearbook be a way for you to recapture your passage through Stratford Academic High School.

Betty J. Davis

A Message from the Student Council President



This has been a wonderful year for all of us at Stratford Academic High School! When we look at the pictures in this yearbook, these moments will feel as if they had just happened yesterday. We've all laughed and had fun. We've made solid friendships. We were brought closer and closer as we came to school every day. Such a feeling of family bonding between us could only happen at Stratford.

The history we have helped create for the 1996-97 year will be unforgettable. Our success shows that we have taken our motto, "Strive to Excel", to heart. We have been an important part of the evolution of Stratford.

We will all remember this year, 1996-97.

Isabella Lau
President of the Students' Council

Editors' Note

This year's yearbook has been assembled by a hardworking staff of students and teachers. We hope everyone will appreciate the effort we all put in. Our staff spent many hours gathering information and shooting pictures of the various school clubs and activities. We hope you will enjoy many future hours reminiscing with your "book of memories."

A big "thank you" goes to everyone who contributed their hard work, time, and good humour to the making of this 1996-97 Stratford Academic High School yearbook.

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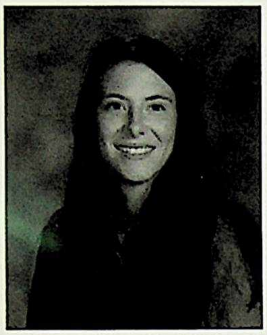
Editors

Stratford Staff
1996-97

Staff

Dr. B. Davis, Principal



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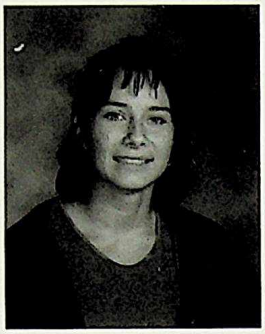

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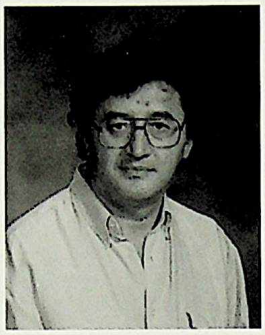

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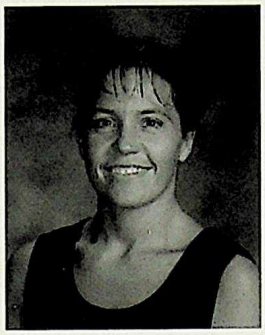

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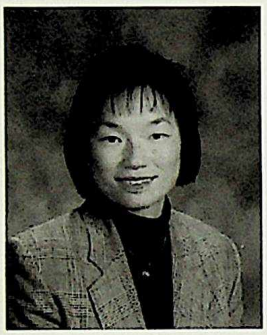

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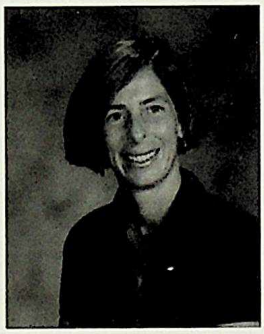

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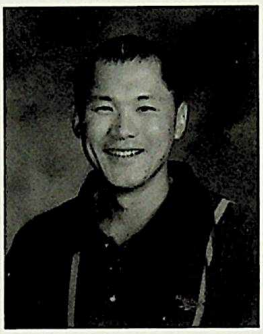

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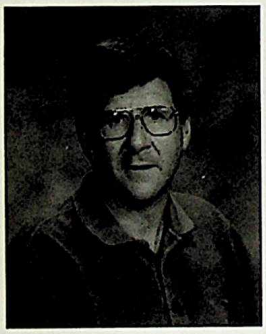

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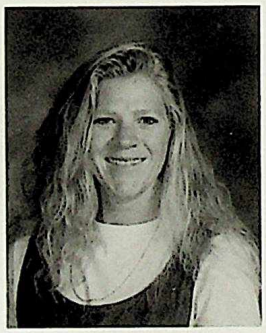

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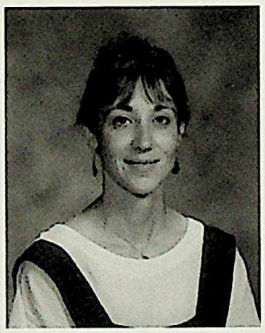

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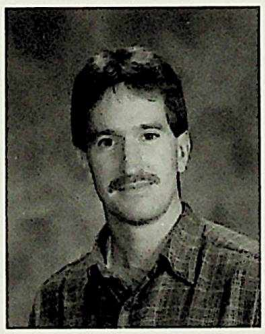

M. Schlegel

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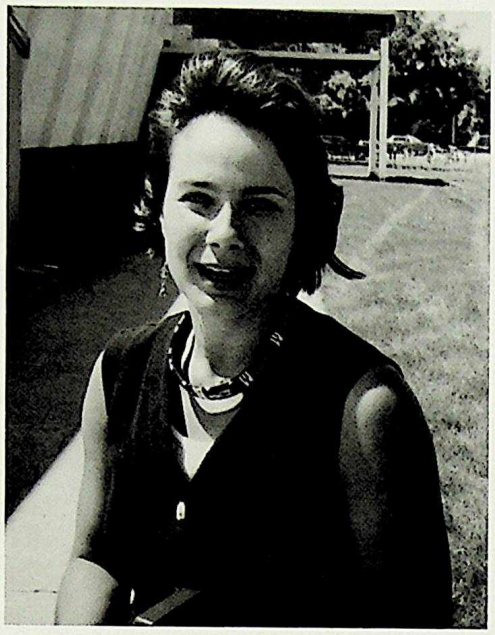
L. Martin
D. Rose



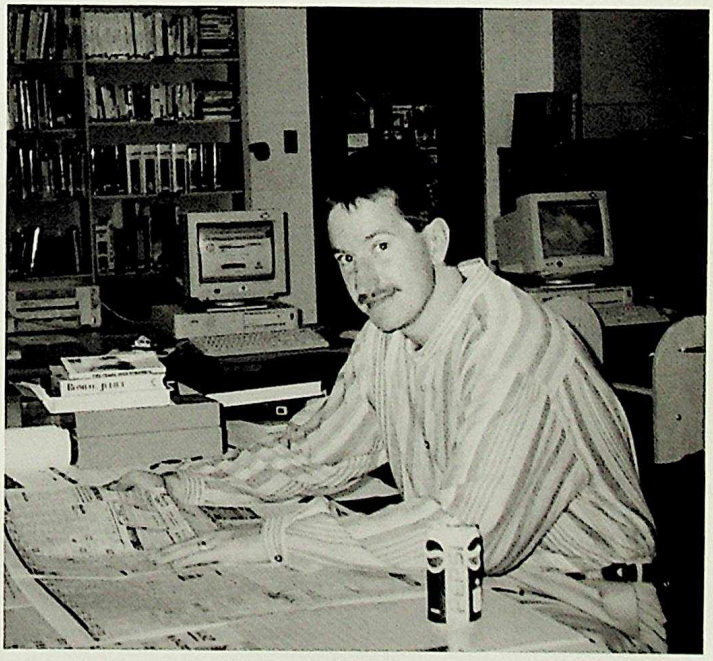
Mrs. Belyea - the perkiest person in Stratford

Ms. Desze - Queen of the pumpkin patch

Mr. Jap as his usual stylish self

Show us those pearly whites Ms. Herrington

Checking the help wanted ads.



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Time Capsule

Movies:

Romeo and Juliet, Ransom, Sleepers, A Time to Kill, High School High, 101 Dalmations, First Wives Club, Star Trek: First Contact, Space Jam, Mars Attacks, Beavis and Butthead do America, Evita, The English Patient, Shine, Speed 2: Cruise Control, The Saint, Trainspotting, Jerry Maguire, Jurassic Park: The Lost World, Batman and Robin, The People vs. Larry Flynt, Re-release of Star Wars, ConAir, My Best Friend's Wedding, Addicted to Love

Concert:

U2, Smashing Pumpkins, Hootie and the Blowfish, The Tragically Hip, Neil Young, The Backstreet Boys, Bush, Kiss, Metallica, I Mother Earth and Moist

Events:

Plane crash at the J.F.K. airport, Stratford's first boys and girls volleyball team, New York Yankees win the World Series, Michael Jackson marries again and has a baby, Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria, Miss Kokoski becomes Mrs. Belyea, Stratford's first graduating class, Lois and Clark get married on "Superman", Mrs. Deys is expecting a baby, Heaven's Gate (mass suicide), Bill Cosby's son murdered, Pamela Lee and Tommy Lee divorce - reconciliation, Oilers make it to round two of the playoffs and are then put up for sale, Manitoba flood crisis, Oklahoma bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh found guilty

Music:

Macerena - Los Del Mar, Mouth - Merle Bainbridge, You Learn - Alanis Morrisette, Bitch - Meridith Brooks, Jerk - Kim Stockwood, How Bizarre - O.M.C, Because You Loved Me - Celine Dion, Always Forever - Donna Lewis, You're Making Me High, Unbreak My Heart - Toni Braxton, Don't Speak - No Doubt, Leave it Alone - Moist, Swallowed - Bush, No Diggity - Blackstreet, Your Woman - White Town, I want You - Savage Garden, Discotheque - U2, Elegantly Wasted - INXS, Just a little Bit - Amber, Get Down, I'll Never Break Your Heart - Backstreet Boys, 1979 - Smashing Pumpkins, C'mon Ride It (The Train) - Quad City DJ's, Pony - Ginuwine, Wannabe, Say You'll Be There - Spice Girls

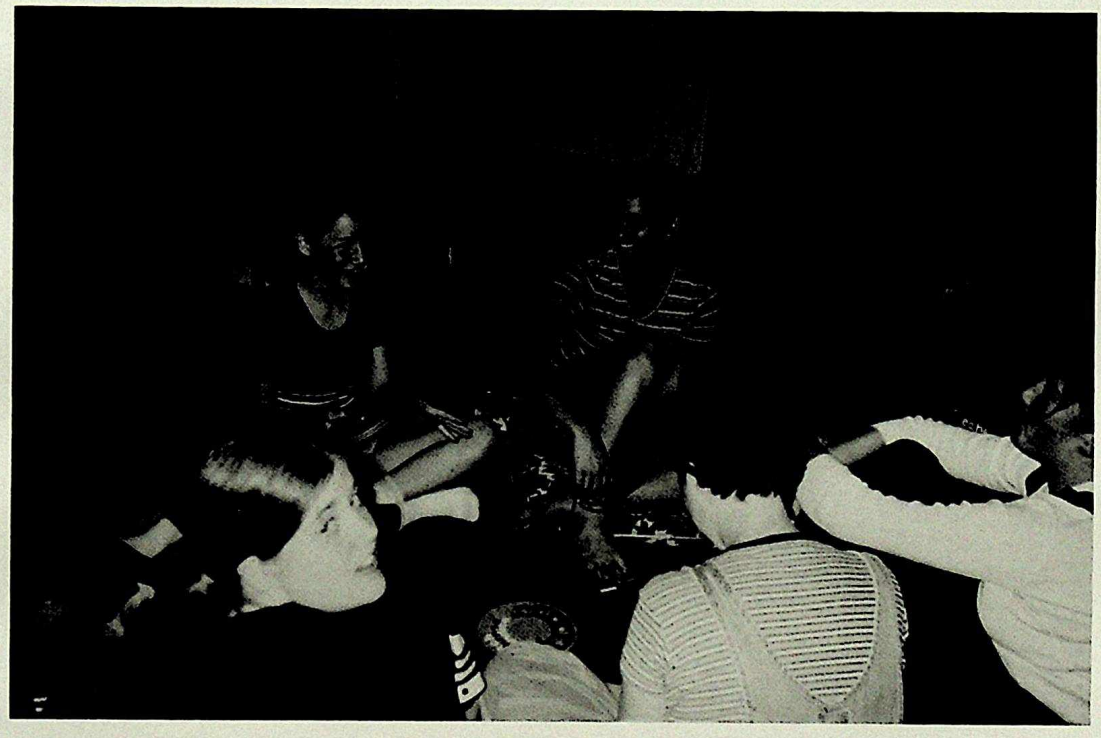
T.V. Programs:

Mr./ Mrs. Smith, Suddenly Susan, Spin City, Men Behaving Badly, Ink, Pretender, Millennium, Roseanne (Last season), Rosie O'Donnell, Clueless, Sabrina The Teenage Witch

Miscellaneous:

"Tickle me Elmo" craze, T.V.'s Ellen comes out of the closet, Defective Cabbage Patch that eats anything and everything, Ralph Klein wins his election, Liberals win their second consecutive election - Prime Minister is Jean Chretien, Prices: Jeans - $50.00, Cigarettes - $5.50, Can of pop - $1.00, Bag of Chips - $0.85, Chocolate bar - $0.85, CD - $18.00, Movie ticket - $8.50, McDonald's Supersized Extra Value Meal - $5.50, TacoBell Taco $0.99, Gas - $0.49-$0.53/litre

Grade Nine



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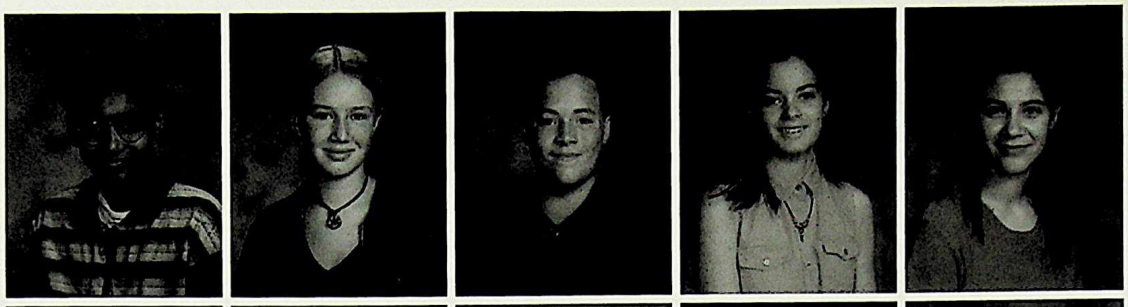
Jessica Belanger
Crina Benedik



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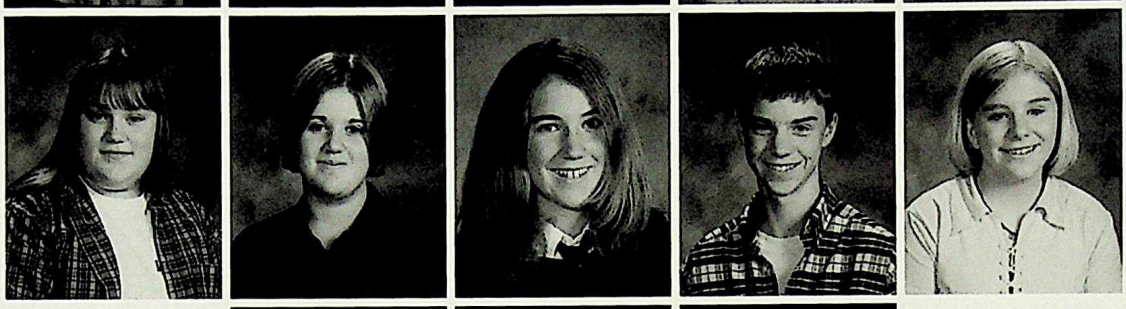

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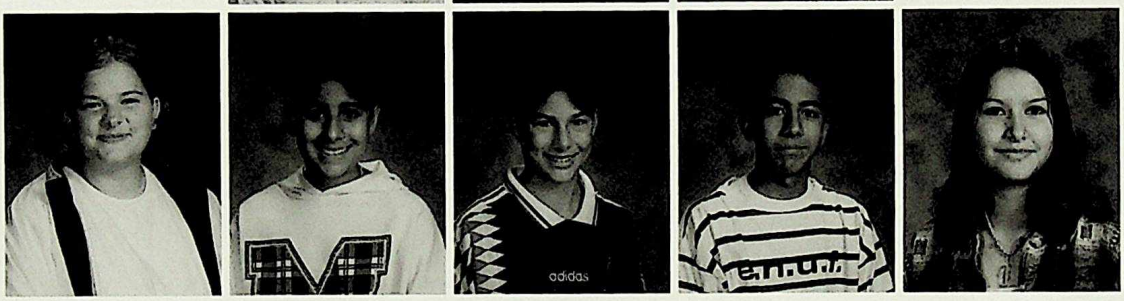
Catherine Mendez



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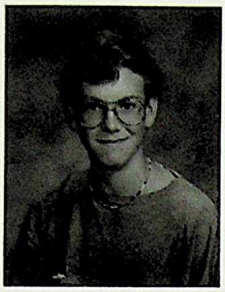

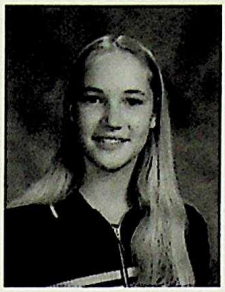

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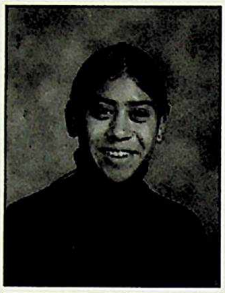
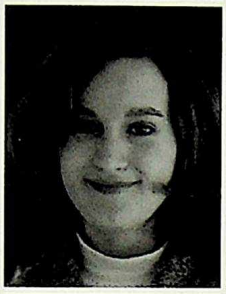

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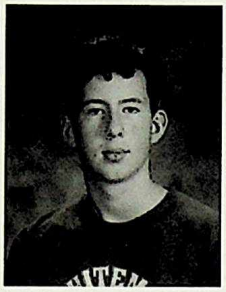
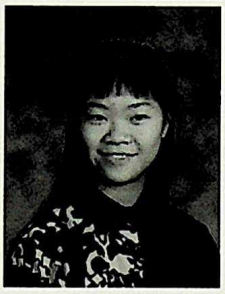
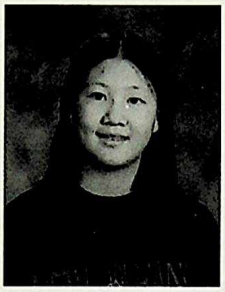
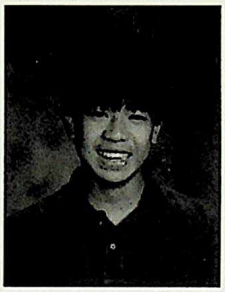
Christopher Turtle
Cameron Wakal
Aisha White

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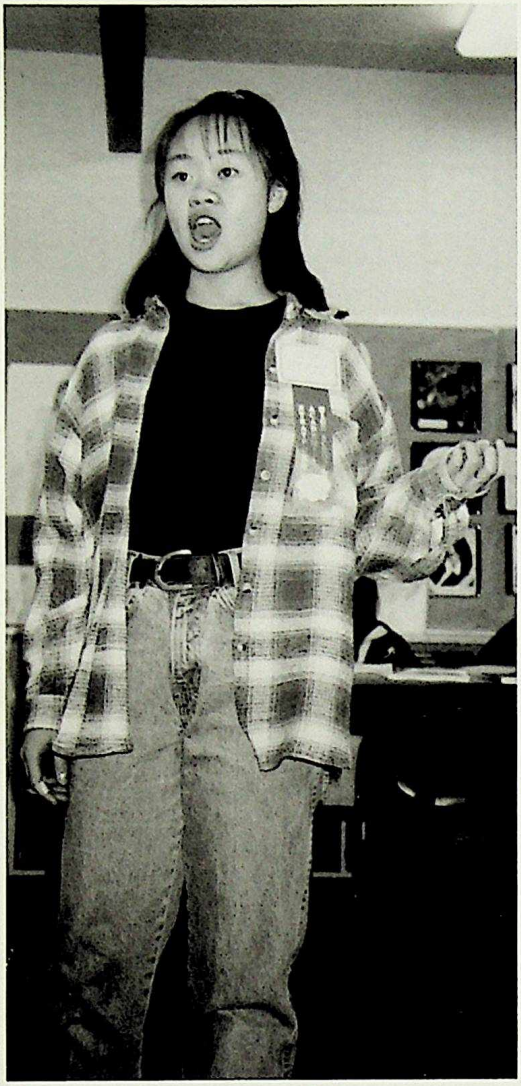

Jessica W. says it loud and proud.

Darn, still breathing!

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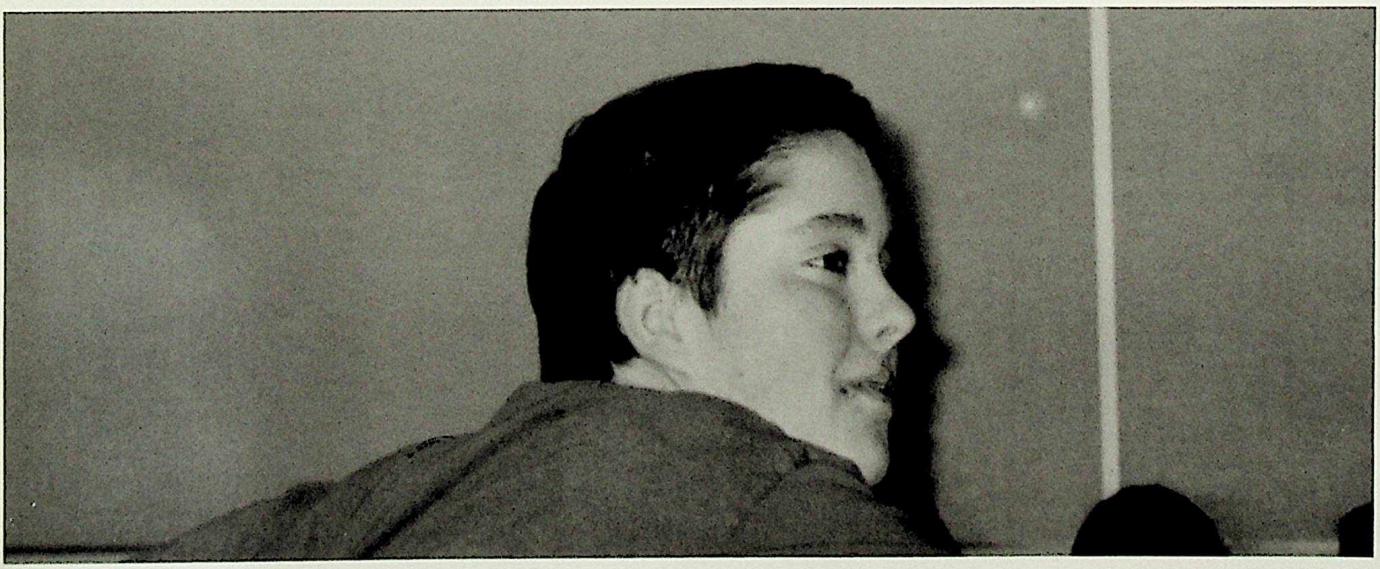

Jeff G. gives Mr. Jap a pie in the eye.

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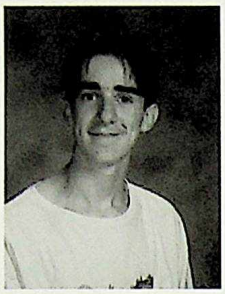
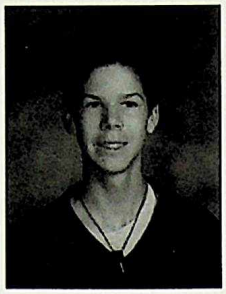
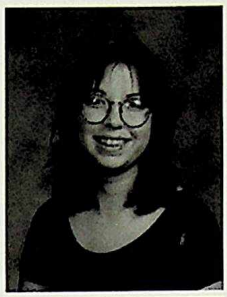
Adele Bellerose
Christina Biamonte
Lisa Boehm



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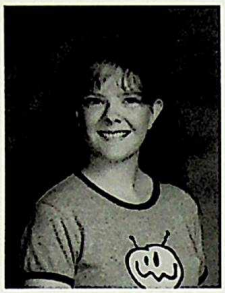
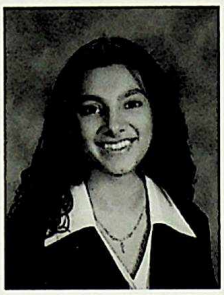
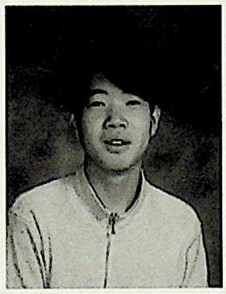
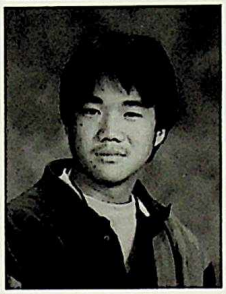

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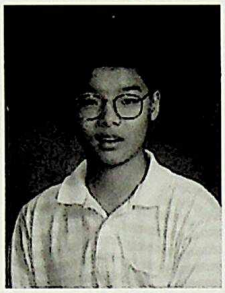
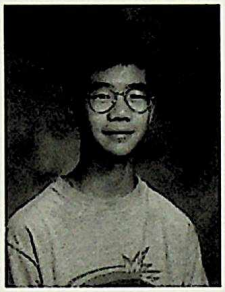
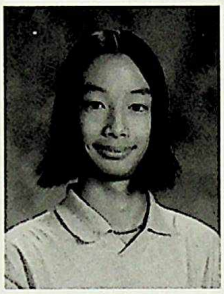
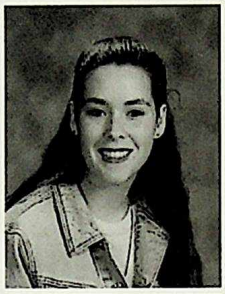
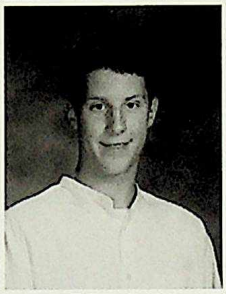
Michael Dickie

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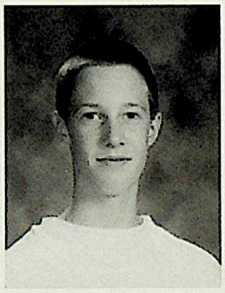
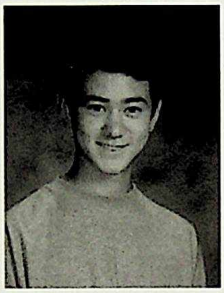
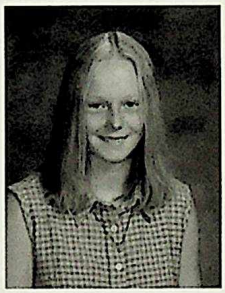
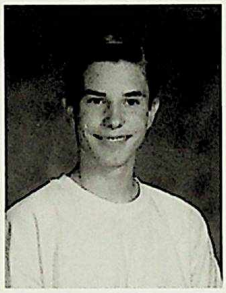

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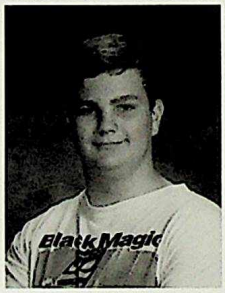

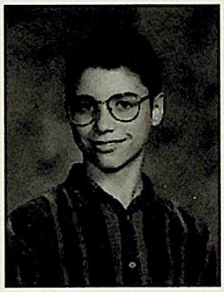
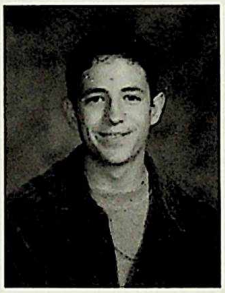

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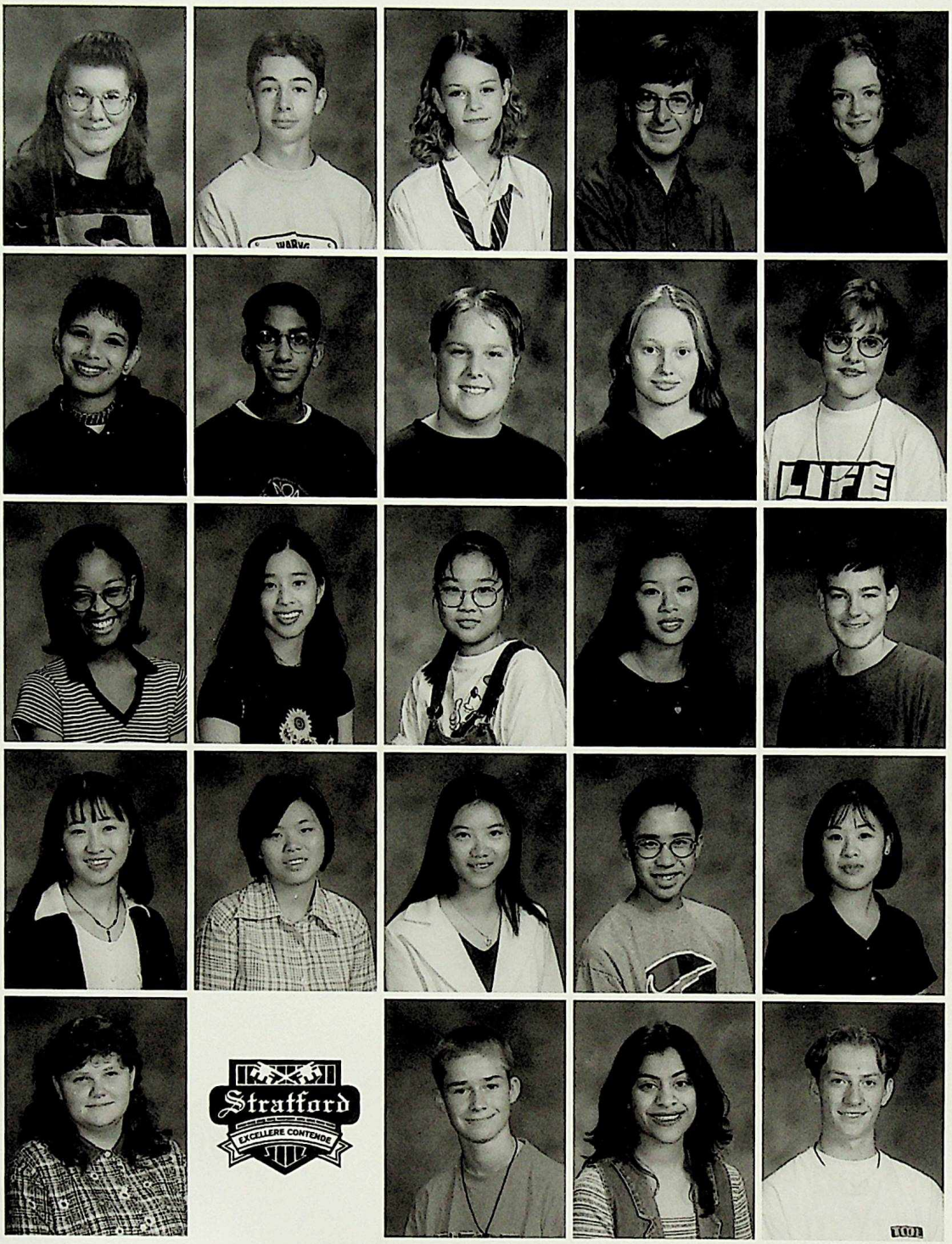

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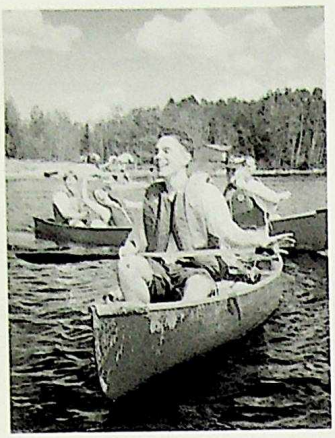

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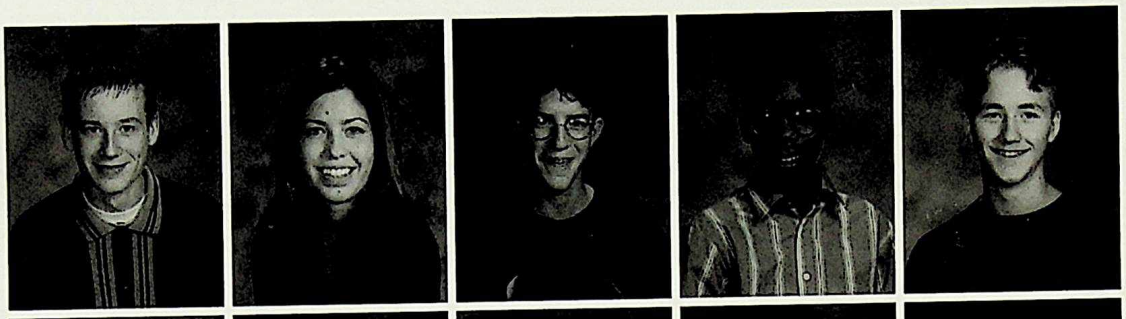

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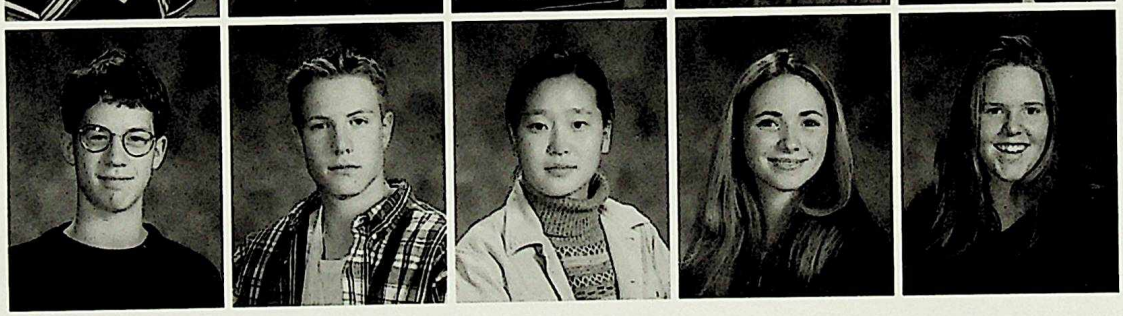
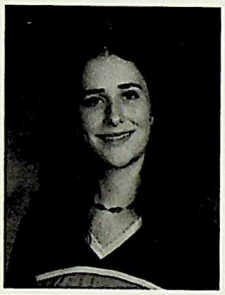
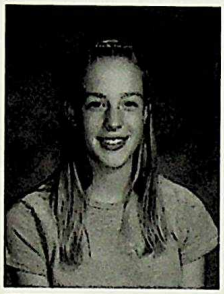
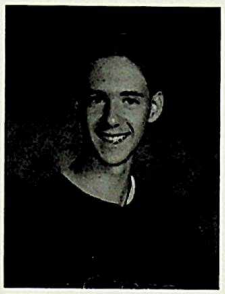
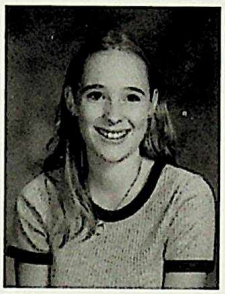


The whole gang has gathered together in the historical U.N. Debate of 1997

Hard at work, as usual.

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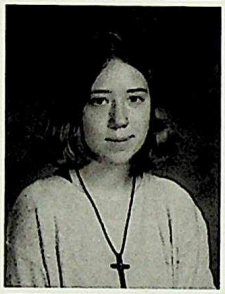
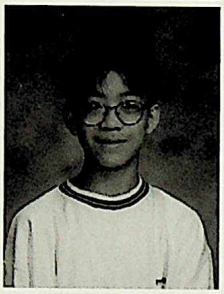
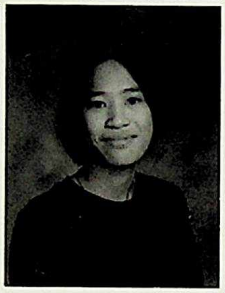
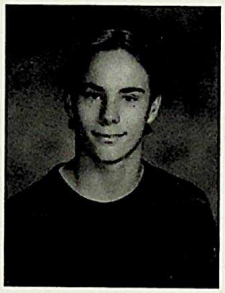
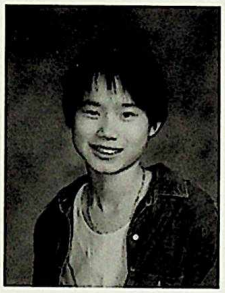

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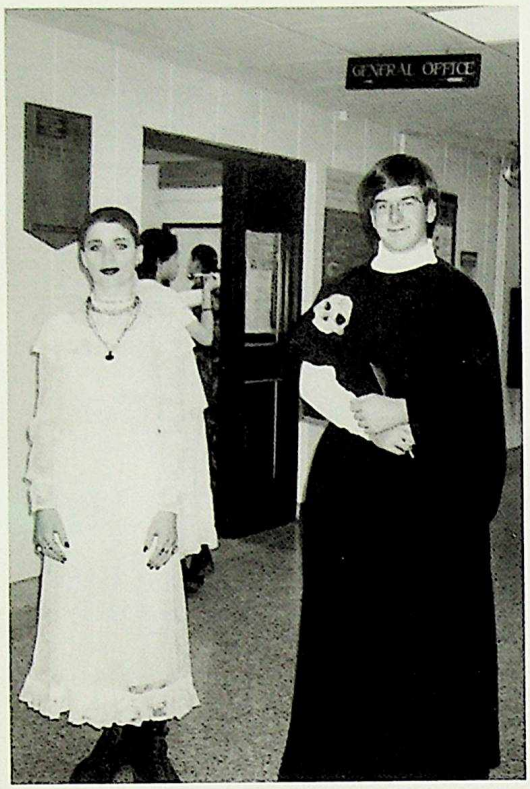
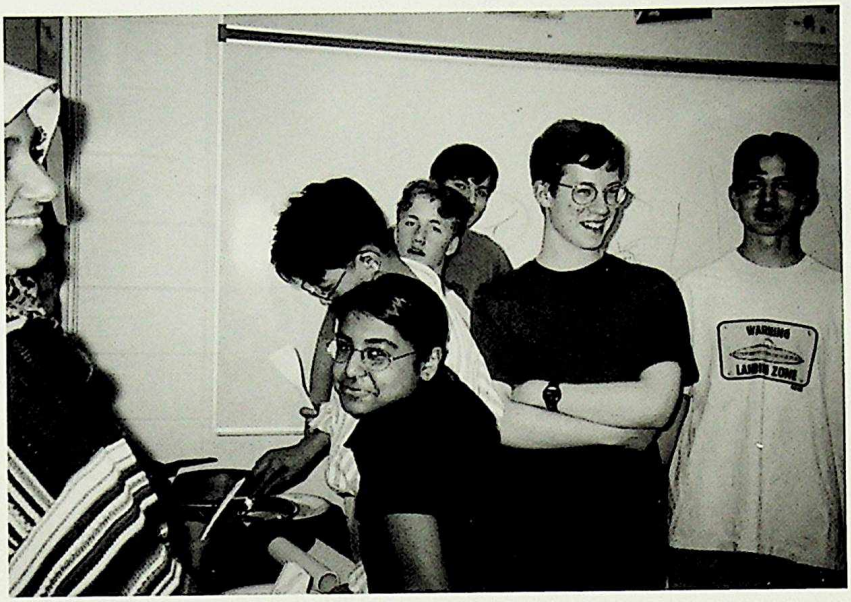


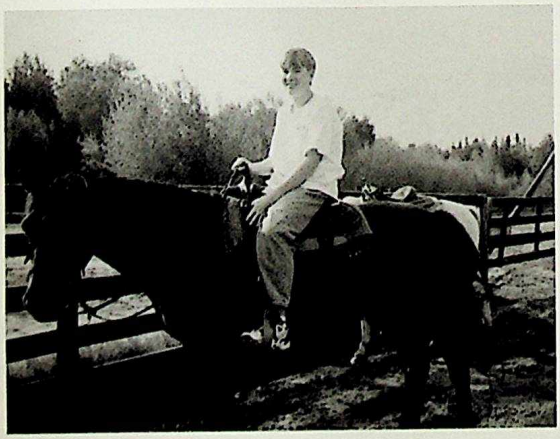
Ahhhhh! How cute. Just look at that happy couple.

They'll always come running for food!



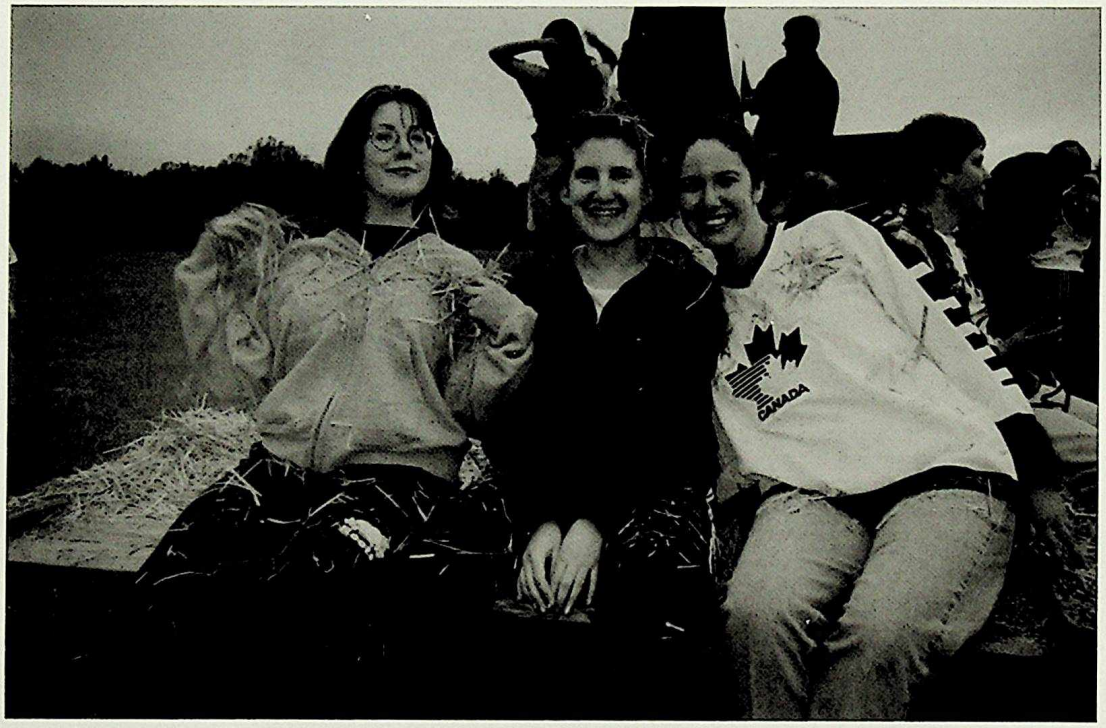
We can always hope for a cave-in.

For picking' up garbage, these guys look a little too happy.



Yankee Doodle went to town . . . .

Grade Eleven



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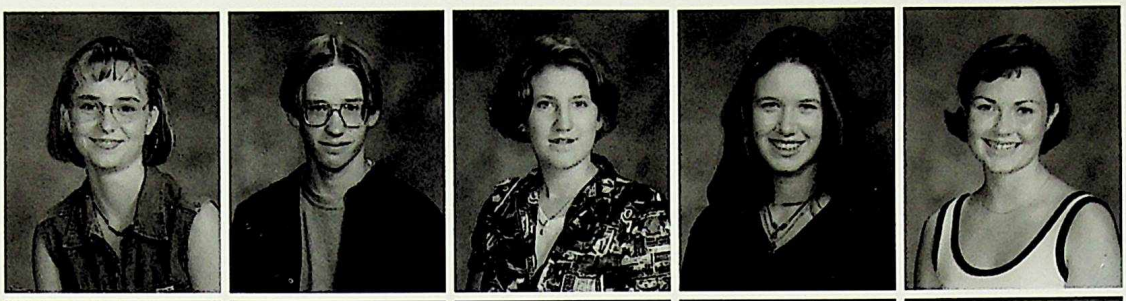

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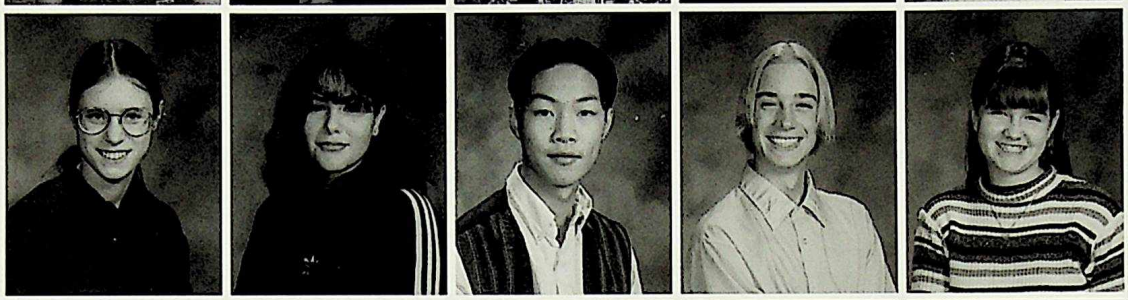

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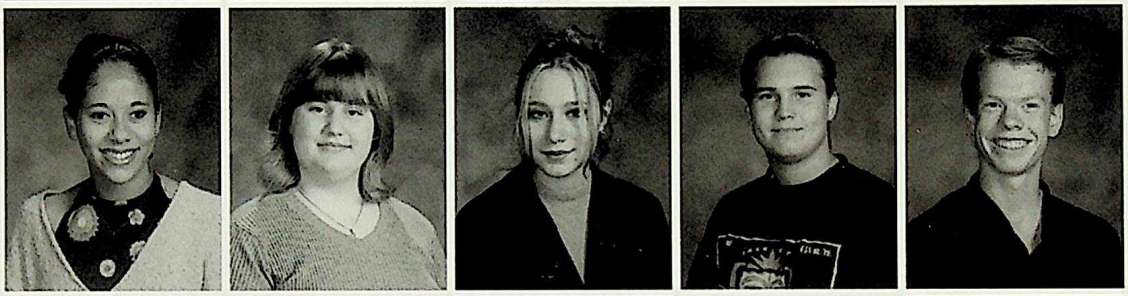

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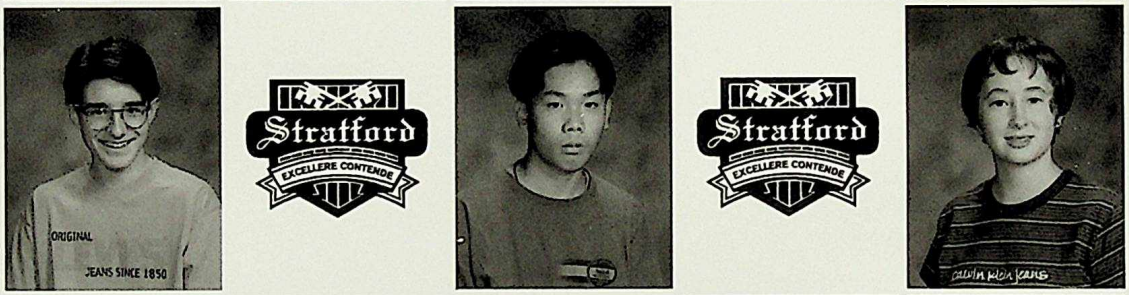

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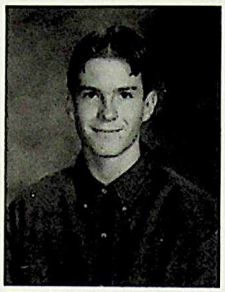

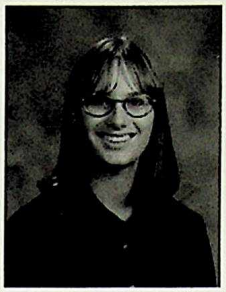

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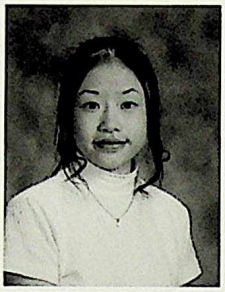
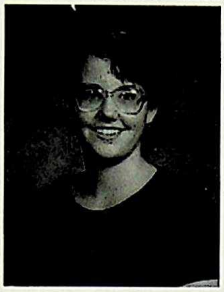

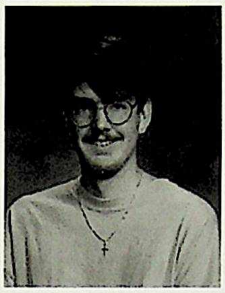

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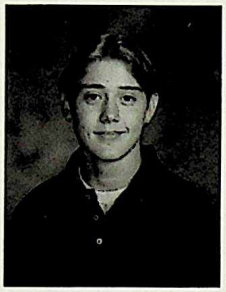
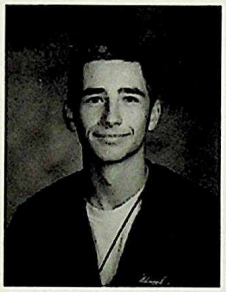
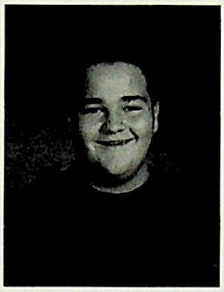
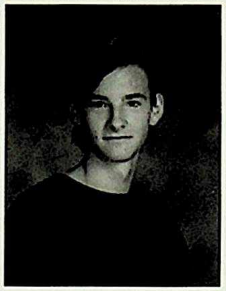

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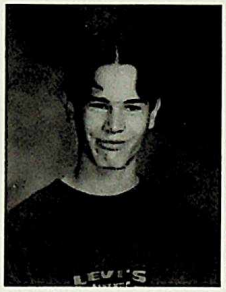
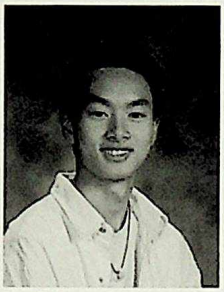
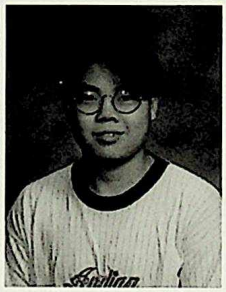
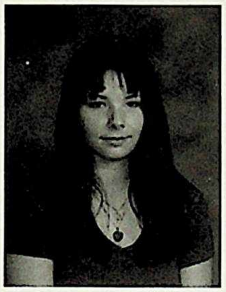

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Landon Svarc
Phi Ta
Dave Wan
Michelle Yakimovich

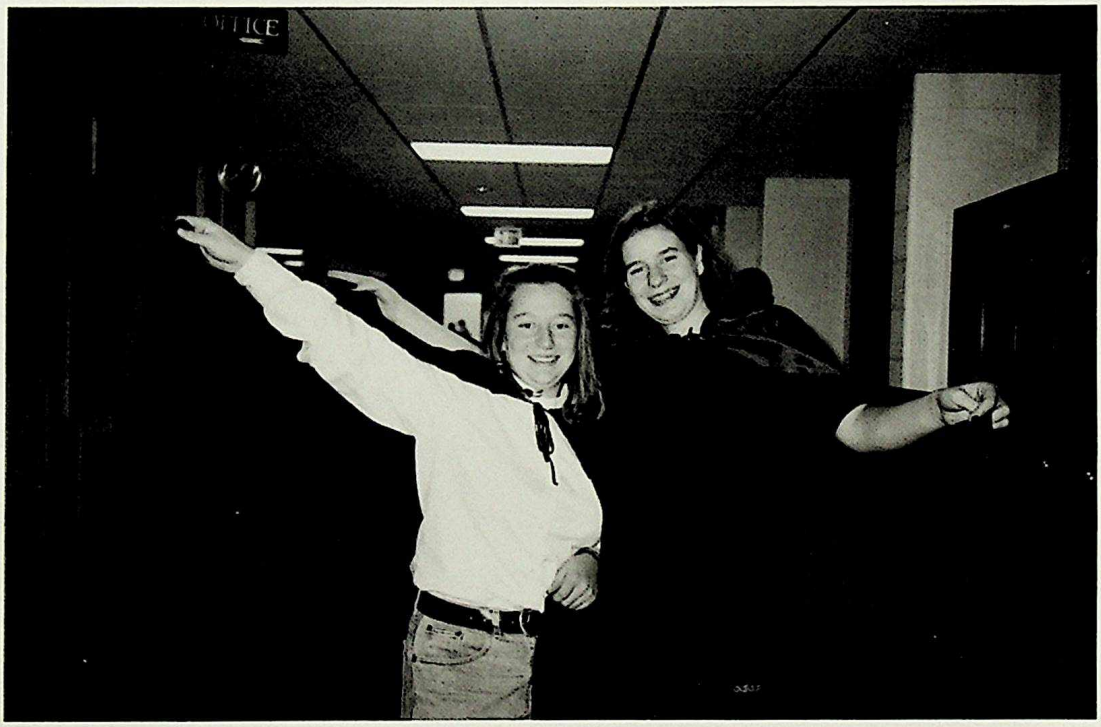
Hey . . . They clean up pretty nicely!
The grade 11 groupies: (L-R)
BACK: Mike J., Matan G.
FRONT: Arif J., Ilya O., Jay H., Steve D., John K., Richard D., Phi T., Landon S., Robbie K.

Michelle Y. trying to hide from the camera.

Lindsay A. playing a tough game of wheelchair basketball.

DANCE FEVER!! - Jen B. showing off a few of her moves.

Grade Twelve



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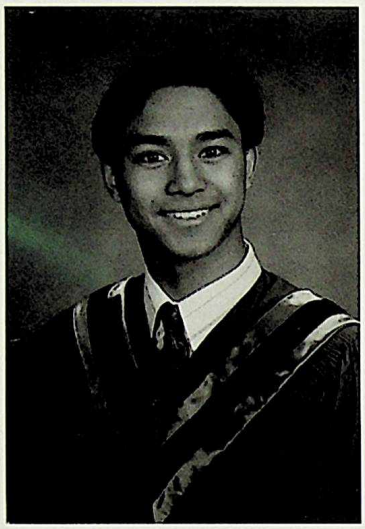
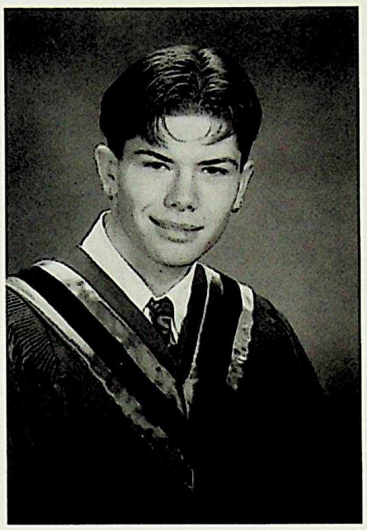


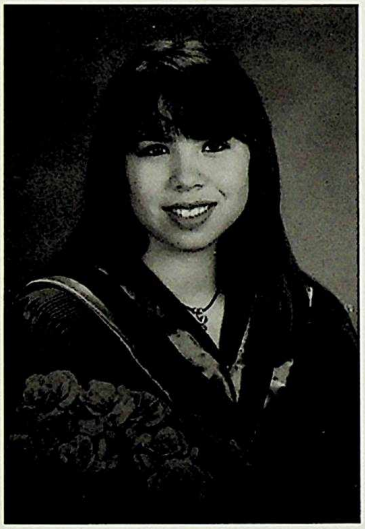
Brendon Basiga

In spending three years I will always remember the day when Mrs. Dezse came to school all drugged up on cold medicine. My closest friends at Stratford are Marcie, Paul, and Ryan G. My biggest pet peeve is bad grammar.



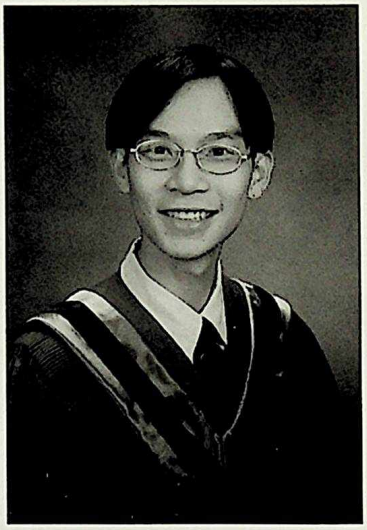
Conor Farrell

In spending one year at Stratford, I will always remember the day we had pizza in the office. My favourite saying is ``Tomorrow, I promise!", and ``So . . .". I will miss Ms. Dezse because she made whatever that class was *SO* enjoyable. My biggest pet peeve is suck-ups.



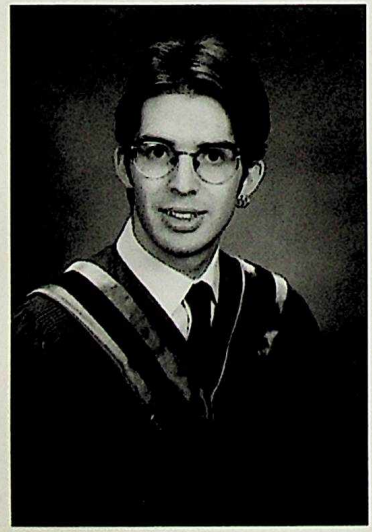
Maria Ismond

In spending six years at Stratford, I will be remembered for being so scatterbrained, and for my nick-names. For example, the Mexican, Gloworm, Meemo, Horse Plum, Ski Bunny, Taco, Carnie and Bush Baby. My favourite school memory is my grade 11 birthday party when Tim ran down the street singing songs from Barney.



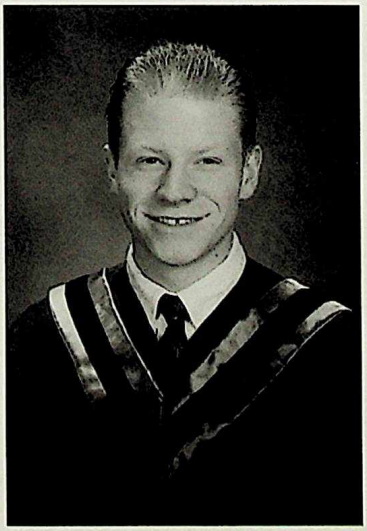
Edward Ip

In spending three years at Stratford, people will remember me by my nickname ``Getch" and by my quiet presence. I will miss Mrs. Horwood the most because she is the teacher I respect the most. My future ambition is to become a well-known poet.



Ryan Getschel

In spending six years at Stratford, people will remember me for my strong opinions. My favourite saying is ``What are you looking at?" My best friends are Kim Noseworthy and Dave Kagan. My most embarrassing moment from school is having to admit that I have gone here for six years.



Ryan Jamieson

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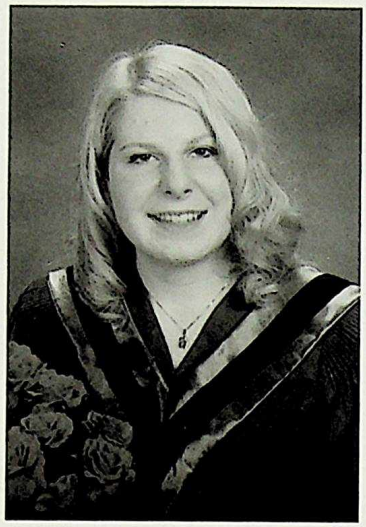
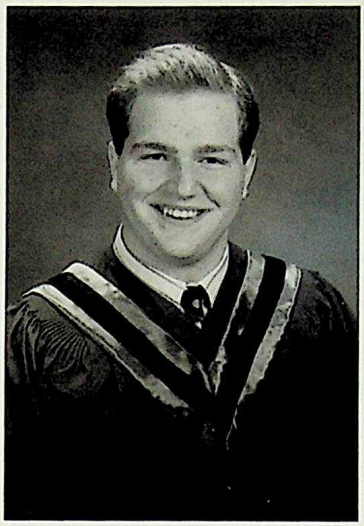


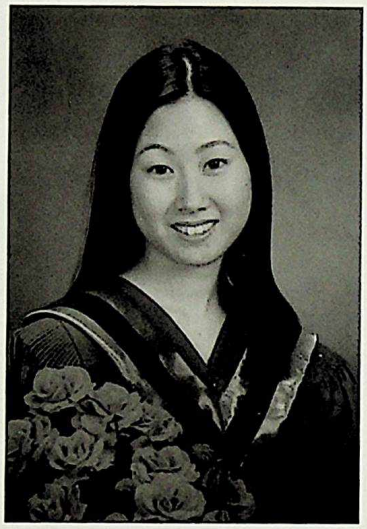
Beth John

In spending six years at Stratford, people will remember me for being a diligent student with remarkable artistic abilities and the capability of making friends wherever I go. My favourite moment from Stratford is Tim's eulogy in English class. (a.k.a. Nigel, Hamlet's lover.)



Matt Knight

In spending three years at Stratford, I will miss how Charlotte parks so close to me that I have to wait until she leaves, so I can leave, or the fact that I couldn't fit in Maria's little blue car. I will miss my favourite nickname: ``Ophelia Wannabe''. I will also miss going a whole day without sunshine because this school has no windows. But most of all, I will miss not being able to see my friends every day.

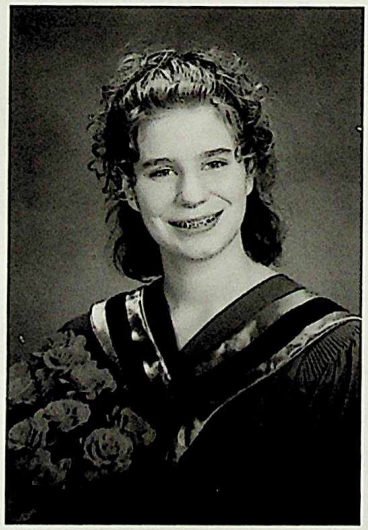


Isabella Lau

In spending four years at Stratford I will be remembered for being the smallest student council president and valedictorian ever in Stratford history. I will miss my friends and the support they have given me. My future ambition is to be a cardiologist, or, if not, a house wife.

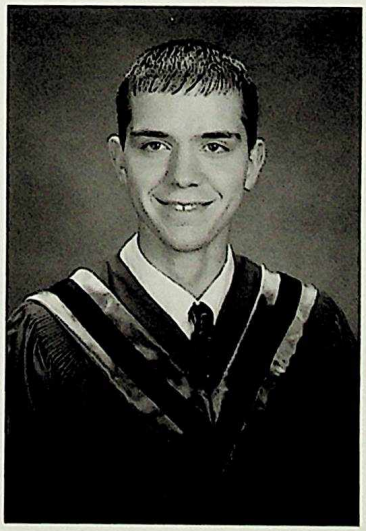
Jasmine Mangat

In spending one year at Stratford I made a lot of new friends. I would just like to thank them for making my first and last year at Stratford memorable. They are Oprah Lover, the Mexican, Niblet, Carebear, Tequila with two lumps, and tweetle Dee & tweetle Dum. Good luck to everyone in the future.



Patti Martin

In spending six years at Stratford I will be remembered for just being me. My favourite school memory is Bloomsday in grades 10, 11, and 12. I also enjoyed Egypt in grade 12 because it was so much fun. The things that I will miss most about Stratford are my friends, teachers and everyone else. My future ambition is to be a respiratory therapist.



Dave McCoy

In spending six years at Stratford I will remember Art 10 the most because it allowed me to breech social-cultural boundaries and express, expand, and explore freedoms that are not otherwise possible in other courses. My biggest pet peeve is the Amy Poon squeal.

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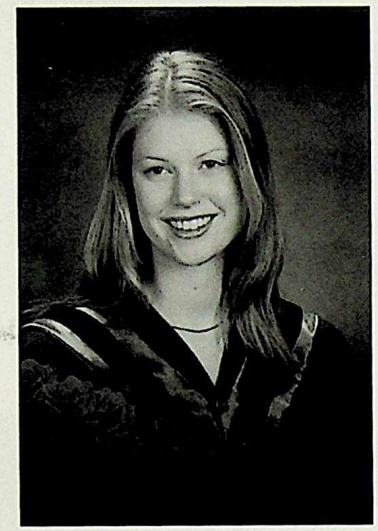
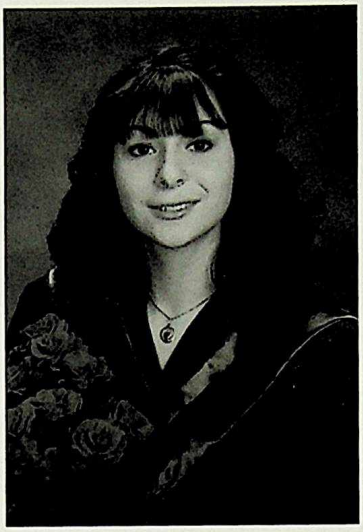


Kim Noseworthy

In spending one year at Stratford, I will be remembered for my invisible glasses. My favourite school memories are ``you are not smoking here'' also L.L. and the red lights. My best friends are Teddy Bear and Goober. I will miss hangin' with Goober in the ladies' showers! The teacher I will miss the most is Jap - ``Bang, Bang''. My future ambition is to shape my life K.S.

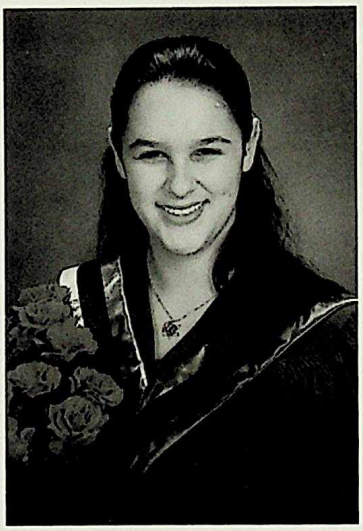


Kerri Onyschuk

In spending three years at Stratford my favourite school memory is Bloomsday 1995. My biggest pet peeve is egotistical jerks. The thing I will miss about Stratford is being on the badminton team. My best friends are Patti, Charlotte, and Maria. The teacher I will miss most is Mrs. Deys because of her caring attitude.

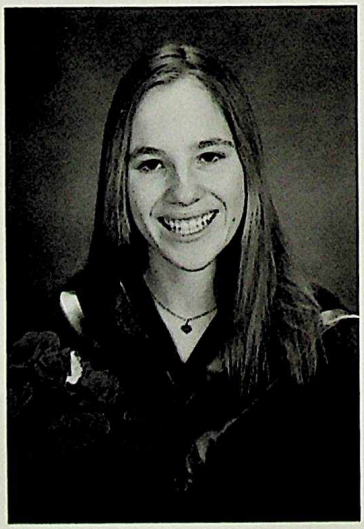
Amy Poon

In spending three years at Stratford I will be remembered as the student who talked too fast. My nickname is the Poonster, and my pet peeve is bad hair. The thing I will miss most about Stratford is Mrs. Horwood's English and art classes. The teacher I will miss the most is Ms. Dezse because she made social so fun.



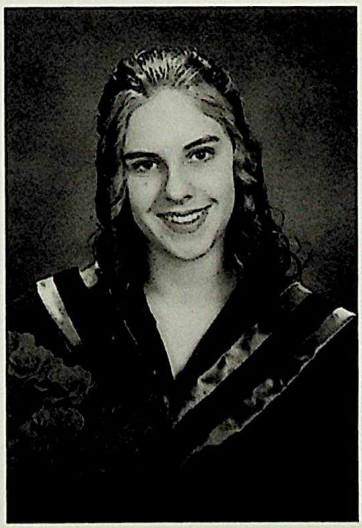
Shiri Reshef

In spending one year at Stratford I will be remembered for being in the first graduating class at Stratford Academic High School. My favourite school memories were our rehearsals for Julius Caeser. My pet peeve is when people don't act their own age, and when people cannot accept gifts. My best friends are Gorgette S., Marcie R., and Paul W.



Marcie Roth

In spending three years at Stratford my favourite school memory is Bloomsday (freedom!!). My nicknames are Wee One and Sweet Pea. My favourite sayings are ``Oh dear'' and ``Whatever''. My pet peeve is when overweight men wear tight speedo bathing suits, and when people walk too close and ask too many questions. The thing I will miss most though is seeing my pals everyday.



Charlotee Shipp

In my three years at Stratford, my favourite memory is Grade 11 Bloomsday, in particular the team dinner. I will always remember the ``special occasion'' homework book doodles. My most embarrassing moment was in grade 10, Mr. Larb's class: ``Sir Albert Newton Einstein'' comes to mind. I want to attain a PhD.

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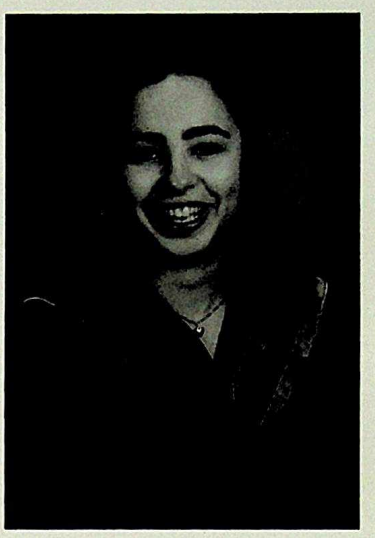
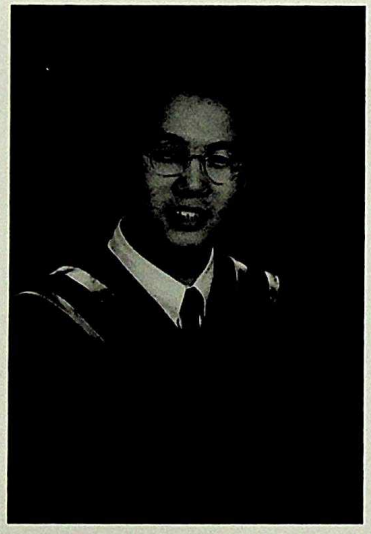
Debbie Stewart

In spending three years at Stratford my favourite school memories are all my classmates, friends, the trips to Spokane for Bloomsday, and Tim's eulogy. My most embarrassing moment at school was receiving a kinky birthday bag from Behjan and Jasmine in the middle of social class!! The teacher I will miss the most is Mrs. Horwood for all the support and encouragement she has given me.



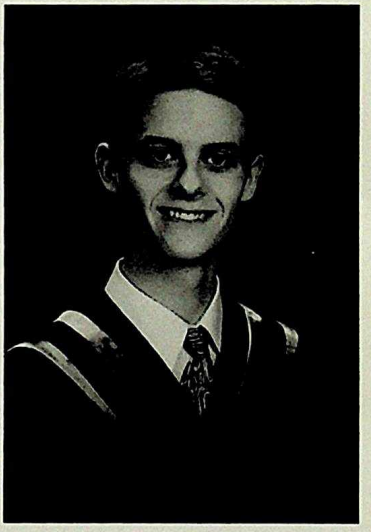
Behjan Tami

In spending six years at Stratford my favourite school memories are "The 4 Little Angels" (because we rule!), Grade 10 and Tim's birthday because I have never laughed so hard!! My nicknames are Niblet, Herbe, and Honey Dipped. My pet peeve is short little men named "Cub", and people who just don't know when to shut-up. What I will miss most about Stratford is my "Babe" and "Bush parties"!



Tim Wan

In spending three years at Stratford my favourite school memories are being student council president, and screwing everything up for a whole year. My nicknames are Superman, Ricki Recardo, Rico Suave, Poochie Woochie, and Big Bird. My pet peeve is wedgies. The thing I will miss the most is the closeness of the class, and the funny moments we shared.



Paul Washuta

In spending three years at Stratford I will be remembered for my food obsession, and making a fool of myself. Peter Pan, Kiss-Giver, 3 Pac and Popsicle Pete. My pet peeves are library computers while trying to edit Eureka and old people who chew their dentures in public. The thing I will miss most about Stratford is my friends.

Jana Arnold

My favourite memory after one year at Stratford is the haunted house – thanks again for the scare, guys! My nickname is Jana Jo Jo, and my favourite saying is "Ms. D . . . FOCUS!!!" I love the people and the relaxed atmosphere at Stratford. My most memorable moment was the Singing-Panty Story. I'd like to be a nurse or a mom someday.

Dayna Kagan

After one year at Stratford, I will be fondly remembered as "Dave's sister". I will always remember when the caped avengers saved the school from the attack of the killer bunny rabbits. I hope to become an aerospace engineer in the future.

Valedictory Speech

Isabella Lau

Good evening Trustee Williams, Mrs. Meyer, Dr. Davis, honor guests, parents, teachers, and fellow graduates. It is my honor here to address you all with the valedictory speech. Tonight is going to be one of the most unforgettable memories in our lives. After twelve years of public education, we receive our high school diploma. We celebrate this accomplishment which has required dedication, motivation, and intelligence from each and every graduate.

Twelve years ago, we started school and we were as new born baby birds. We were nurtured by adults -- parents and teachers -- in all aspects of our lives. We were given food, shelter, warmth, and love. However, little birds cannot stay in the nest and rely on their mother throughout their entire lives. Once they grow into adulthood, they have to fly away to explore the outside world. Separation is sad, but if the little birds stay together forever, their goals will never be accomplished, their dreams will never come true. This process of growing up requires a lot of courage, and as we are standing up here tonight, we proudly announce that we are able to manage every difficulties and change that lie before us. And we have become ready to explore a bigger, more challenging world.

Twelve years ago, I started my education in Hong Kong, but it was not very different from all of you who began in Edmonton here. Do anyone of you remember the first day of kindergarten? I can clearly remember it. Well, my mom walked me and she brought me into that church-like building called 'school'. And I thought, "Cruel, I am going to school, but at least I am with my mom!" But after I was seated in the middle of the classroom, my mom kept standing and talking to the teacher. Then she waved at me and walked out of the room, leaving me with the thirty other unknown kids. The door was shut. Then I could not resist to cry. I guess it was the feeling of insecurity and loneliness that made me scared. But I manage to survive.

However, you always know when you have overcome one difficulty, something even bigger would be ahead. And that was elementary school. It was exactly the same as kindergarten, I had to deal with a new environment, except that this time, I was better prepared for that feeling of uncertainty. I started making friends. I learnt a lot more than in kindergarten, like spelling, reading, counting, music, handcrafts, and everything. The six years easily passed, the door of elementary school closed, and then I stepped to another new world -- junior high. Junior high was funny, for you don't care if you pass or not, because you know you are expected to continue. I came to Edmonton in 1993 and I attended grade nine in Stratford, when it was still a junior high school. I was more independent by this time, both socially and academically. It was no longer like kindergarten or elementary, not like when you are scared, you can just cry out and wait for attention. Then, the three years of junior high easily passed, and I stepped to a more exciting world -- senior high school. Well, for some people who attend a big high school, it is even more scary. For you are now among 2000 other people, and you can barely find one best friend in your class. So the concept of adapting to a new environment is still the same as in elementary and junior high. But in Stratford, it is unique. For the 23 of us, the three years of high school was just like a family meeting everyday. Basically, we have been placed in the same class every day, every year. The biggest disadvantage is that we were together everyday. We had to have great perseverance and tolerance for this group of people who we spent everyday with. But the advantage is that we know each other so well that we have been able to build confidence on each other and to rely on each other for understanding, help, and support. Also, understanding all the expectations behind us, we strive to excel together as a group. We are like family, and we will always have those sorts of family bonds and ties. We have also had that close association with our teachers who have worked hard to support us and teach us.

Time flies. Tonight, we are here to bid farewell to our friends, our teachers, and everyone who has been with us for this three high school years. Since kindergarten, we have experienced many transitions. You can see clearly that there is a pattern as time passes and that every time a door is closing, it means that another door is opening for everyone of us. There is excitement for exploring the unknown world, but at the same time, we also have to shoulder more personal responsibilities. Tonight, meeting all the requirements for the high school diploma, we become well-equipped to take another new challenge in front of us -- either university or college. Although the feeling of separation is hard, we have to open another door in order to continue our dreams.

Here is a poem that I am going to read as concluding this valedictory speech. It is written by Langston Hughes.

Dreams

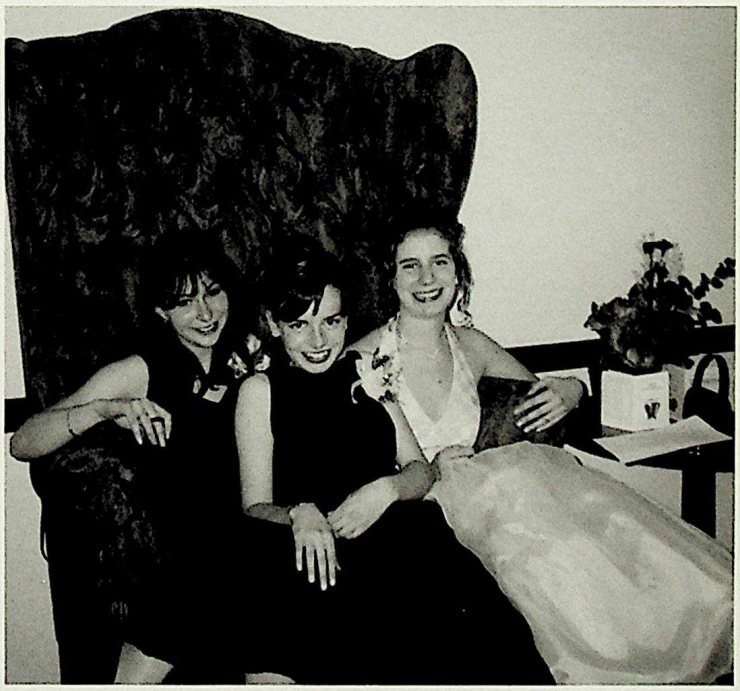
Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

We should keep in mind that it is the dream that always motivates us to strive and to reach our goals. We will have to hold tight to our dreams, for it is an essence to success. And by carrying our own dreams and our unique characteristics, we are ready to open a new page in our lives. We are now well-nurtured birds who are ready to fly away and explore the wonderful and challenging world.

Grad '97

Hail, hail, the gang's all here!

Matt and Maria having the time of their lives.

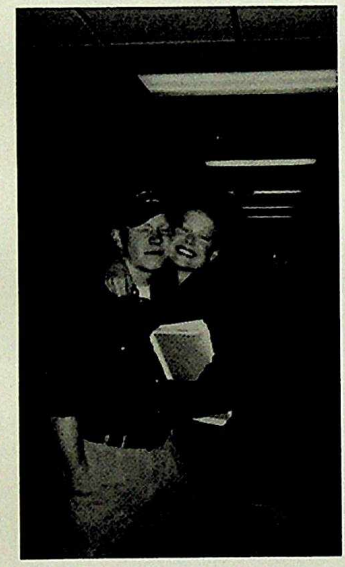


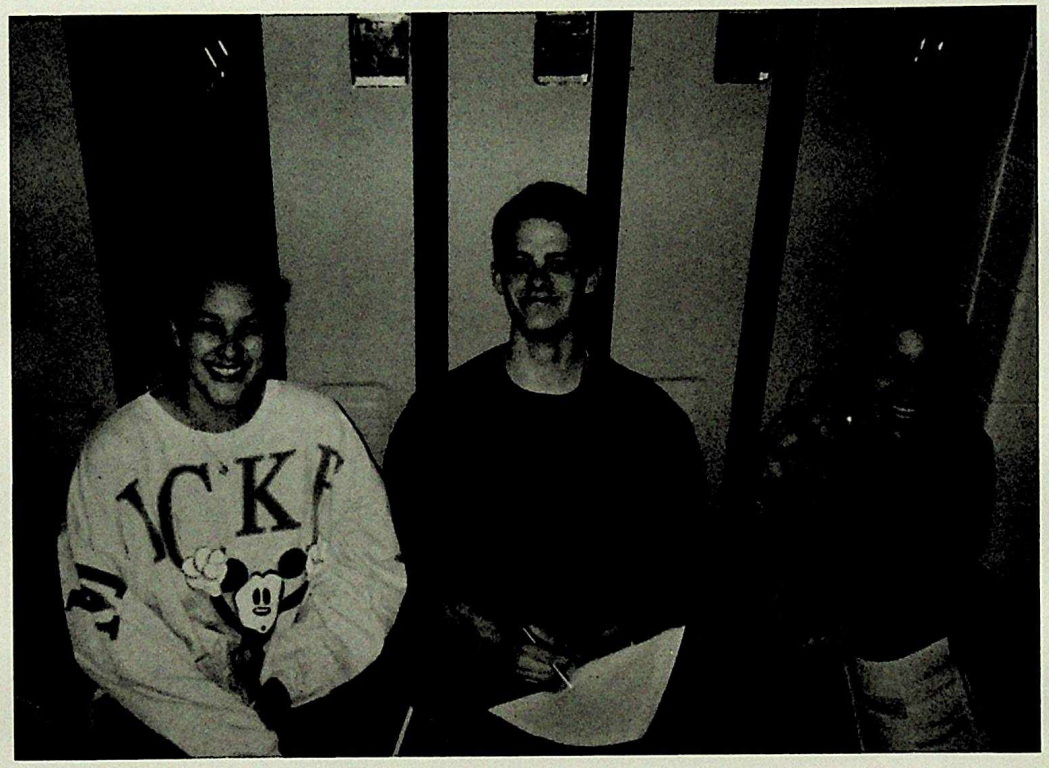
How many graduates can fit in one chair? Just ask Kerri, Debbie, and Patti!

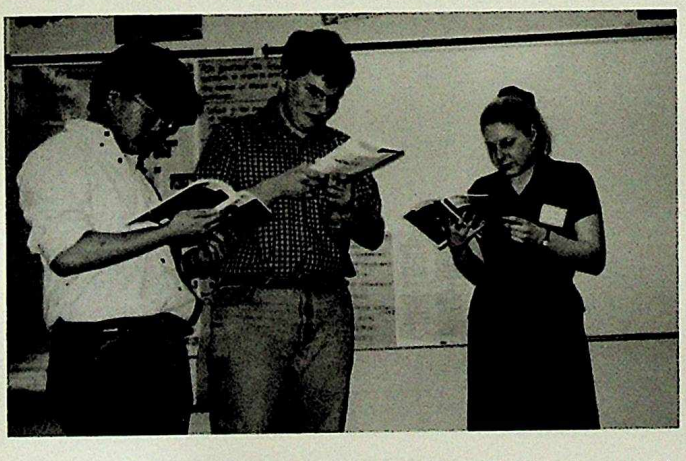
Smile for the camera boys!! Tim W. and Paul W. as their chipper selves.

Ahhhh! Run . . . . morning people! Shiri R., Paul W., and Marcie R., up early cramming for a chem exam.

He's just such a softie . . . now give me a big hug. Ryan J., and Kim N.





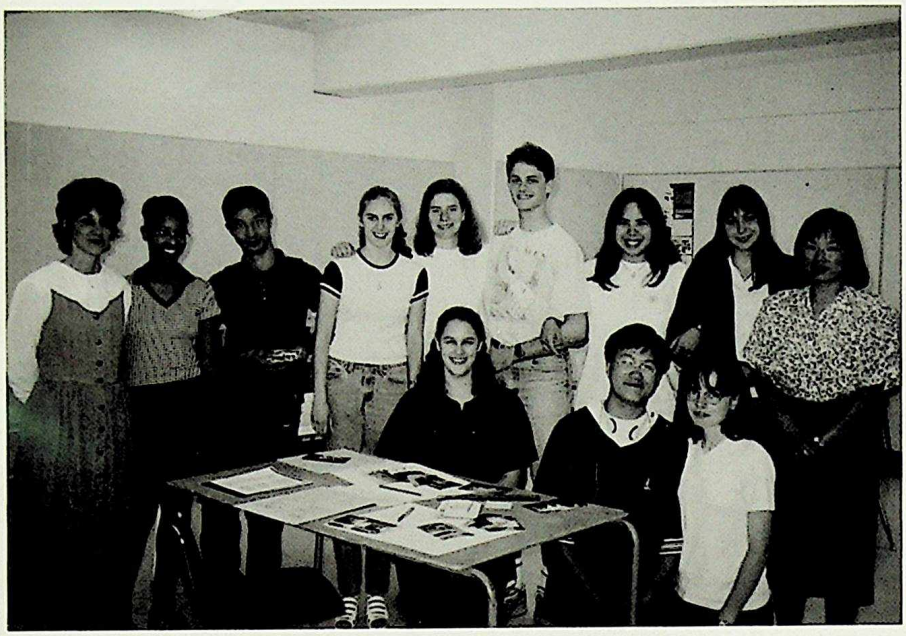


To be or not to be. That is the question. (L-R): Tim W., Matt K., and Beth J., acting out a scene from *Hamlet*.

Edward I. and his lovely new girlfriend Birtha (also known as Tim W.). Don't they make a cute couple?

Clubs

Yearbook



(L-R) BACK: Mrs. Park, Jade K., Joe C., Charlotte S., Patti M., Paul W., Maria I., Kerri O., Mrs. Gwin
FRONT: Shiri R., Tim W., Debbie S.

Newspaper

(L-R) BACK: Christina B., Sophia J., Beth J., Crystal M.
FRONT: Lese M., Evan J., Jamie L., Behjan T.

MISSING: Paul W., Maria I., Belle L.

Students' Council

(L-R): Omar M., Graham B., Carolyn H., Sofia J., Aliya R., Patti M., Joe C., Isabella L., Ms. Ament, Ms. Dezse
MISSING: Steve D., Jen B., Matthew A.

Art Club

(L-R): Camille H., Gabriel W., Mrs. Horwood, Joe H., Beth J., Lorelei M.
MISSING: Christina B., Simone T.

Drama Club

(FROM TOP): Richard P., Lese M., Brendon B., Sam B., Tamara G., Ms. Ament, Jamie L., Crystal M., Beth J., Daniel R., Paul G., Tom R., Kim P., Joe C., Dana M., Graham B., Loic L., Connor S., Jodi G., Courtney B., Omar M., Yvonne P.
MISSING: Shiri R., Carrie H., Christina B., Don M., Matt K., Jessica B.

Blue Box

(L-R) BACK: Tanis H., Sophia J.
MIDDLE: Graham B., Omar M., Loic L.
FRONT: Jen B., Lindsay A., Carolyn H., Chris B.

Grad Council

(L-R): Matt K., Ms. Dezse, Patti M., Dr. Davis, Mandy L., Kim N., Beth J., Charlotte S.

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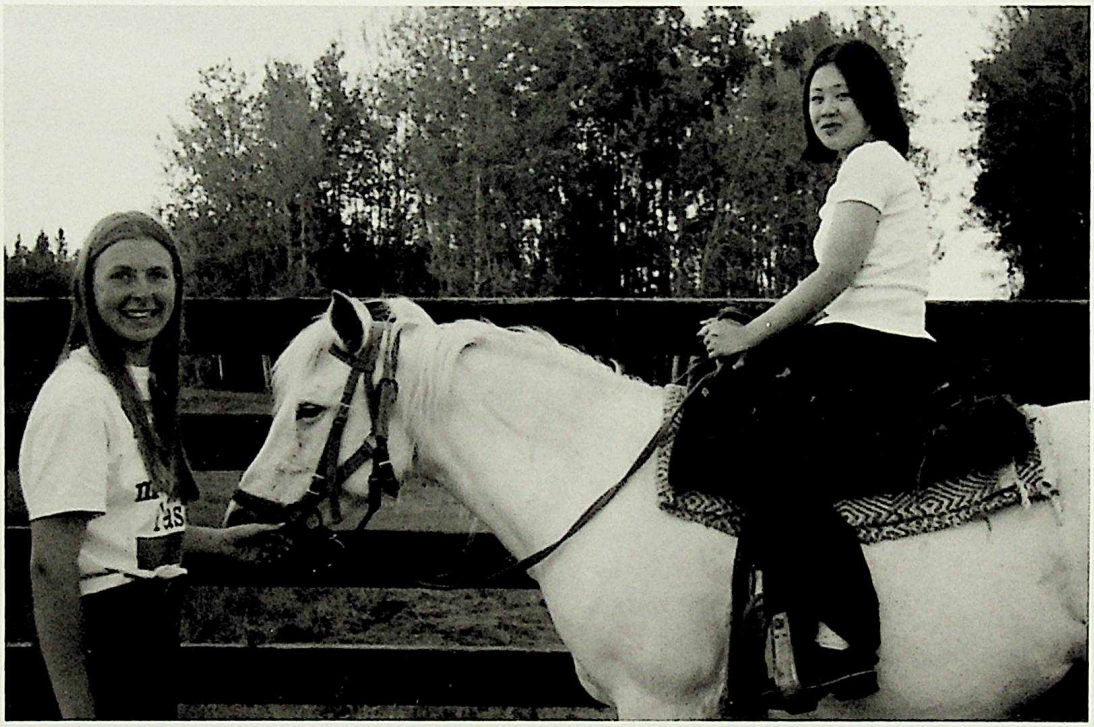

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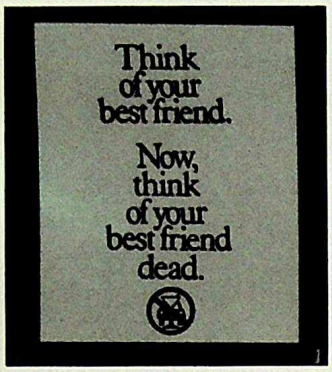
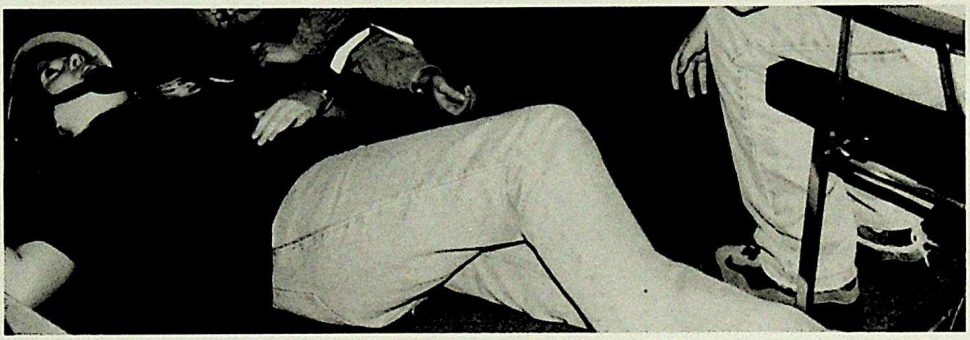
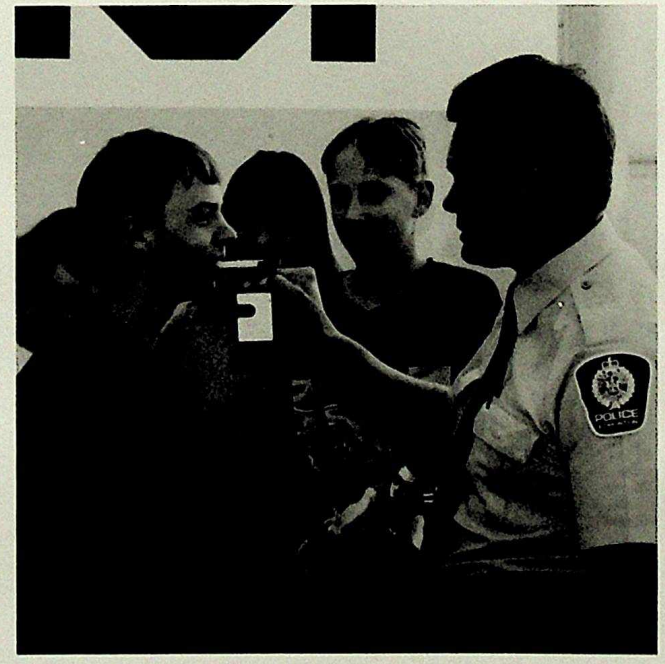


Gary O., Graham B. and Adil J. are experiencing the harsh realities of E.R.



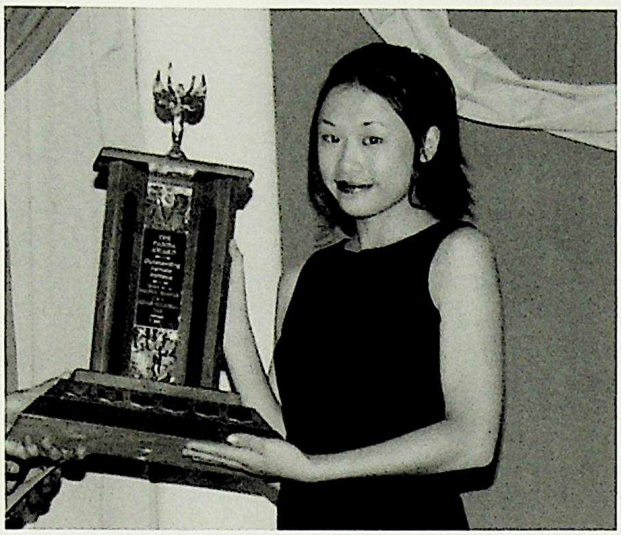
Courtney B's fallen and she can't get up.

Ellen S. gets a little help from her friend Yvonne Primeau.

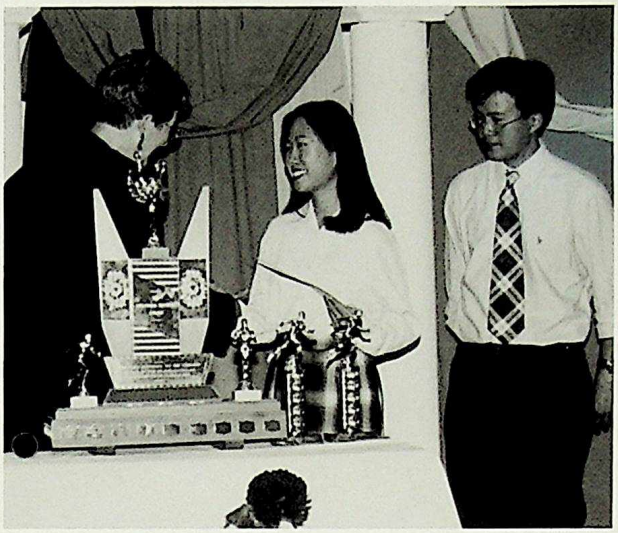


Richard P., Rosanna B., and Lindsay H. are watching if you can do it, Greg!

Awards Evening



Holly Luong is accepting the Panda Award from Mr. Jap. This award is given to the outstanding female athlete.



The Stratford Sentinel Award is given to the student who is active in and excels at all aspects of school life. This year, however, two students were chosen by the faculty to receive this award. The two recipients are Isabella Lau and Timothy Wan.

Carolyn Huston is receiving an award for the highest mark in Mathematics 10AP from Mr. Hardy.

Megan Flanders is receiving an award for the highest mark in Biology 20 from Mrs. Deys.

Stratford Academic High School's annual Award's Evening was held on Thursday, October 3, 1996. Carolyn Huston and John Klappstein led the occasion as the Mistress and Master of Ceremonies.

District Awards:

Even John - Grade 9
Megan Flanders - Grade 10
Isabella Lau - Grade 11

Among the many other awards given during the evening, Outstanding Service awards were given to Maria Ismond, Mathew Knight, Patti Martin and Timothy Wan. Thank you for your enormous contribution to Stratford!

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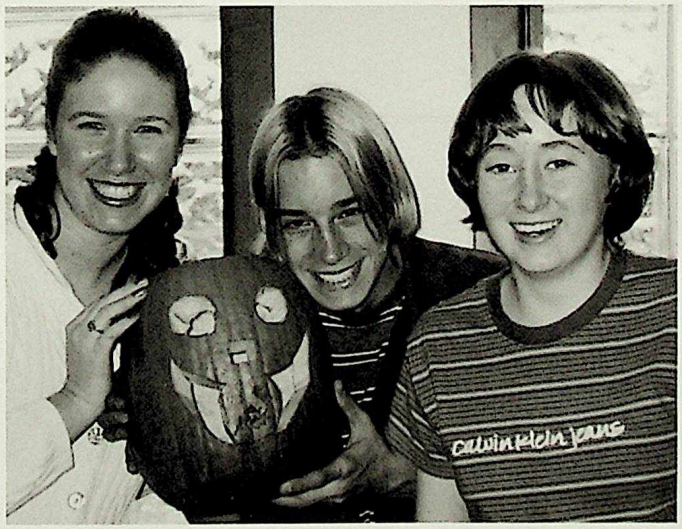
EXCELLERE CONTENDE

Hallowe'en

The grade 12's at their best! Freaky Grade 12's create an awesome spook house at MeadowLark Mall to raise funds for graduation. L-R: Beth J., Kerri O., Patti M., Mandy L., Jasmine M., Dayna K., Adina P., and Shiri R.

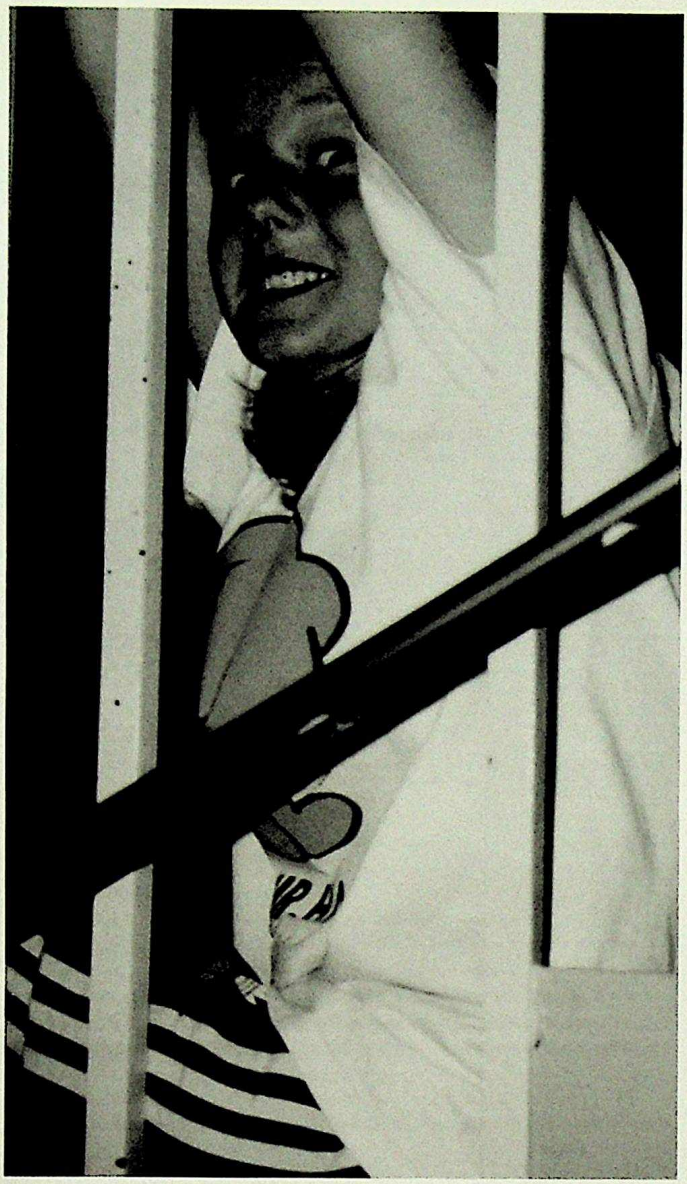
Christina N. and Sarah B. "Babyface" eat your heart out! (and they said we were immature).

Ms. Ament pulled out her clothes from her high school days.

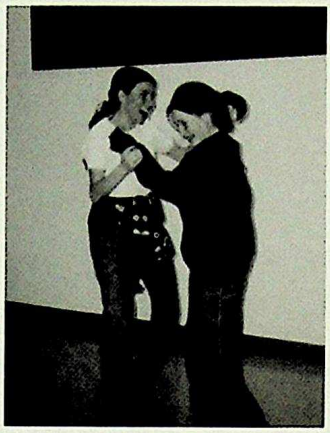


Jen B., Steve D., and Carolyn H. Happy Hallowe'en! Which one is the pumpkin carving?

Wake-A-Thon



Let me out! Let me out!
I don't want to be stuck in here forever (24 hrs.)!
Tamara G.



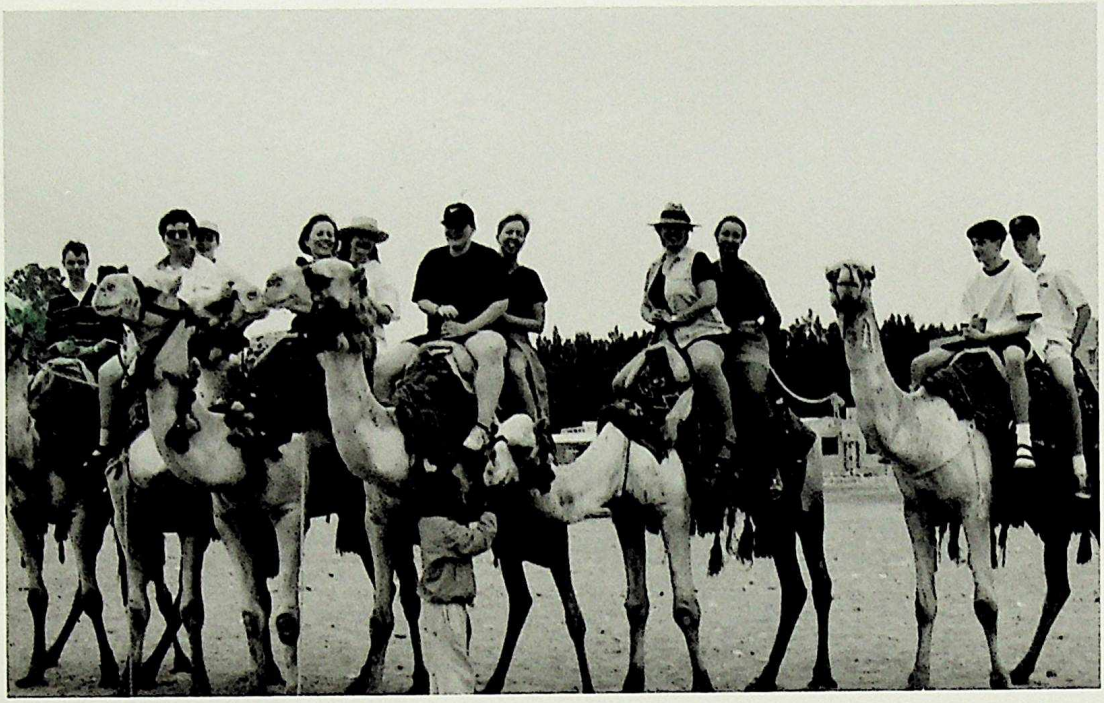
Dancing Queens
1,2,3,4,1 . . . oooh ouch that's my foot.
Ms. Ament and Jodi G.

Gather around folks - heating it up with karaoke time.
(L-R): Kim N., Jen B., Ms. Dezse, Belle L., Kathy M., Kelsey K.

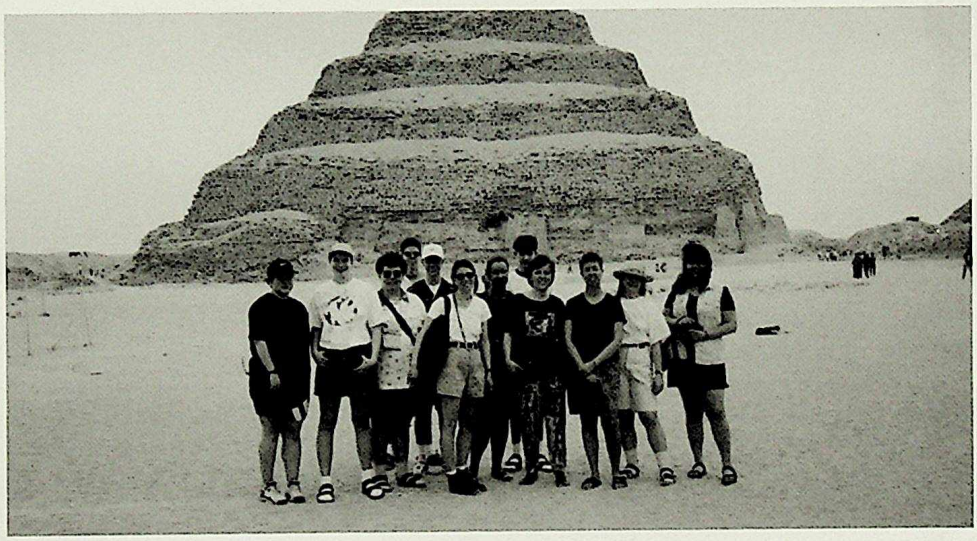
Hey, Steve! Its a wake-a-thon not a sleep-a-thon!
(L-R): Maris I., Patti M., Beth J., and Steve D.

Midnight snack attack
(L-R): Alexis T., Megan F., Clayton A., Steve D., Matan G., Mike J. Hey Mike! Have you been body building or is that a bag of chips in your shirt?

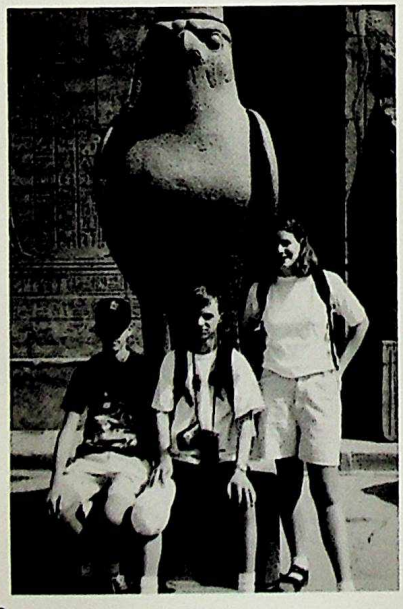
Egypt



Spending spring break cruising the Nile and going on camel rides around the Sahara; what a tough life!



The fearless group of travellers including Lindsay H., Patti M., Mrs. Martin, Chris B., Greg C., Ms. Ament, Robert D., and Ms. Dezse.



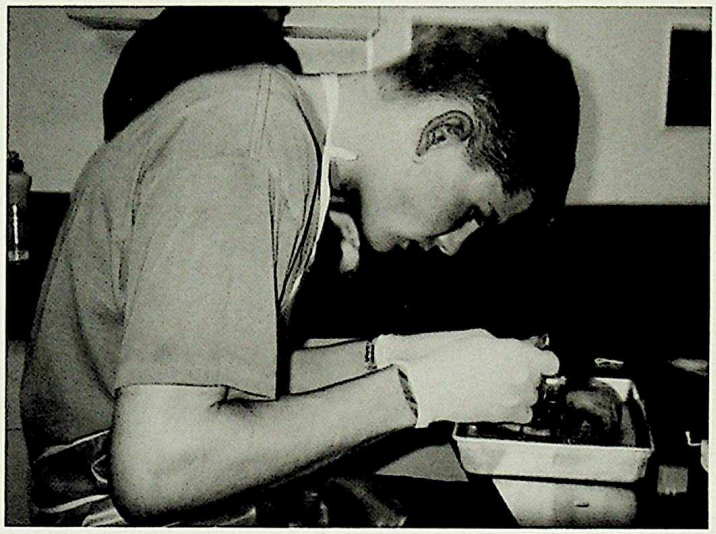
Monday morning and this is Cairo! As we started our bus tour we were greeted with the sights, sounds, and smells of the word's second largest city --- vehicles of every description, people, camels, horses and donkeys, truly amazing. The pyramids, the sphinx, a papyrus factory, several museums, a camel ride -- all on one day. We then took an overnight train south to Aswan, where the next morning we boarded our cruise ship. For the next five days we cruised the Nile (along with over two hundred other cruise ships), stopping several times a day for side trips to magnificent temples, markets (where we were learning the art of bartering), the Valley of the Kings, and so much more. Our time on board was really great too -- wonderful meals, many other interesting travellers and, of course, some lounging on the sun deck. We disembarked at Luxor -- a "must stop" for any traveler-- and flew back to Cairo. The Egyptian Museum with the "King Tut" display, a tour of Old Cairo with its ancient synagogues and Christian churches, a visit to the huge Mohammed Ali Mosque, made for a "full" last day in Cairo. We had a stopover in Athens on the way home and despite the unseasonably cold weather, (-4 degrees celsius) managed a climb up to the Acropolis. Some Greek hospitality at a restaurant where we stopped to warm up and of course some shopping and we headed back to our hotel. One more sleep, an overnight stop in Toronto, and we were homeward bound. An incredible trip!

Open House

Open House was held on March 20, 1997. It was a successful event thanks to all the volunteers who helped out.

"Computers are my friends." (Mandy having a good time in the Mac Lab.)

"Double, double, toil and trouble . . ." (The three witches: Jen Baggot, Sofia Janmohamed, Carolyn Huston.)



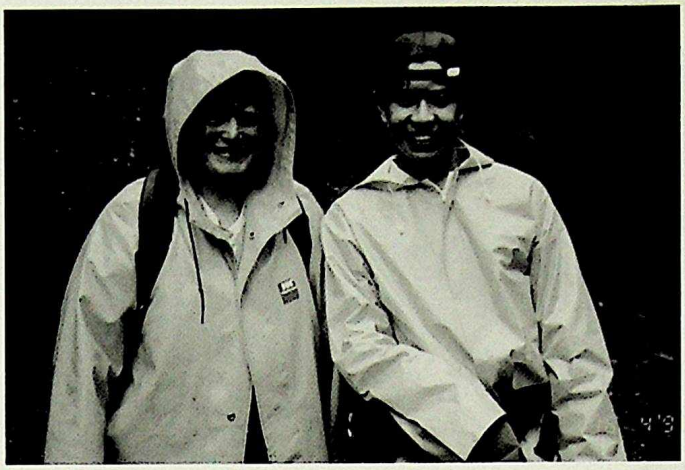
"OH NO!" There goes my contact lens . . ." (Conor enjoying the disection.)

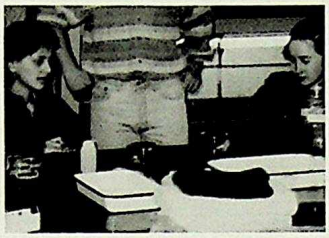
"Look Mommy! I can write . . . . . in Mandarin!" (Alexis Taylor)

"What the . . .!?!" (Mr. Bratu attempting to explain Physics to Paul.)

Bamfield

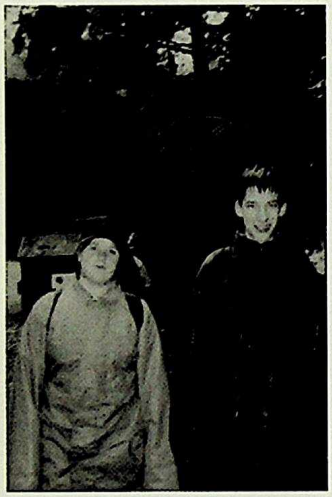
Watch out: Yellow Banana Crossing Isaac Yuen and a marine station biologist exploring Vancouver islands' nature trails.





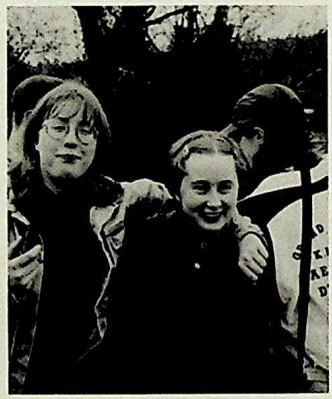
Learning is fun! So smile! A group of students at work at Bamfield's Marine Biology Centre.

Everybody smile! Isaac Y., Joe H., Cameron W., Courtney B., Chris T., Mrs. Huston, Julie W., Natalie Y., Cindy G., Naomi C., Maurine L., Jessica W., Nancy J., Carolyn H.



"Gee, we're not wet or anything!" Courtney B. and Cameron W. stuck in the rain.

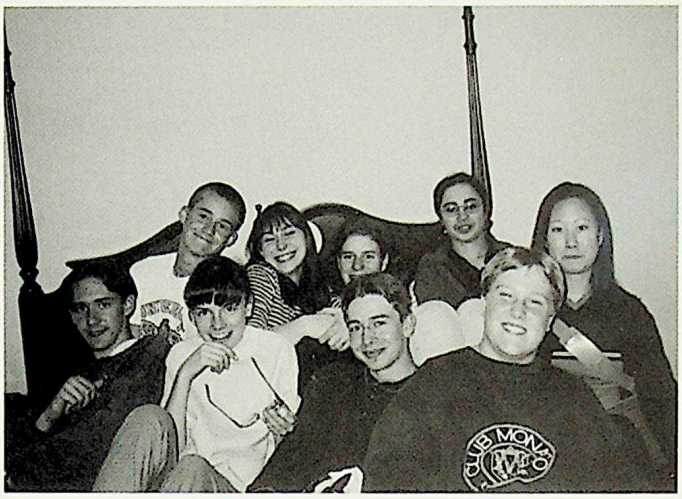
Ah, gimme a kiss baby! Nancy J. and Carolyn H. having fun in the wild outdoors.



"Hmmm . . . what should we do?" Isaac, what's wrong with your hat? Isaac Y., Chris T., Cameron W.

Bloomsday 1997

The Spokane shop-a-holics: Behjan T., Patti M., Alexis T., Isabella L., Kerri O., Debbie S.

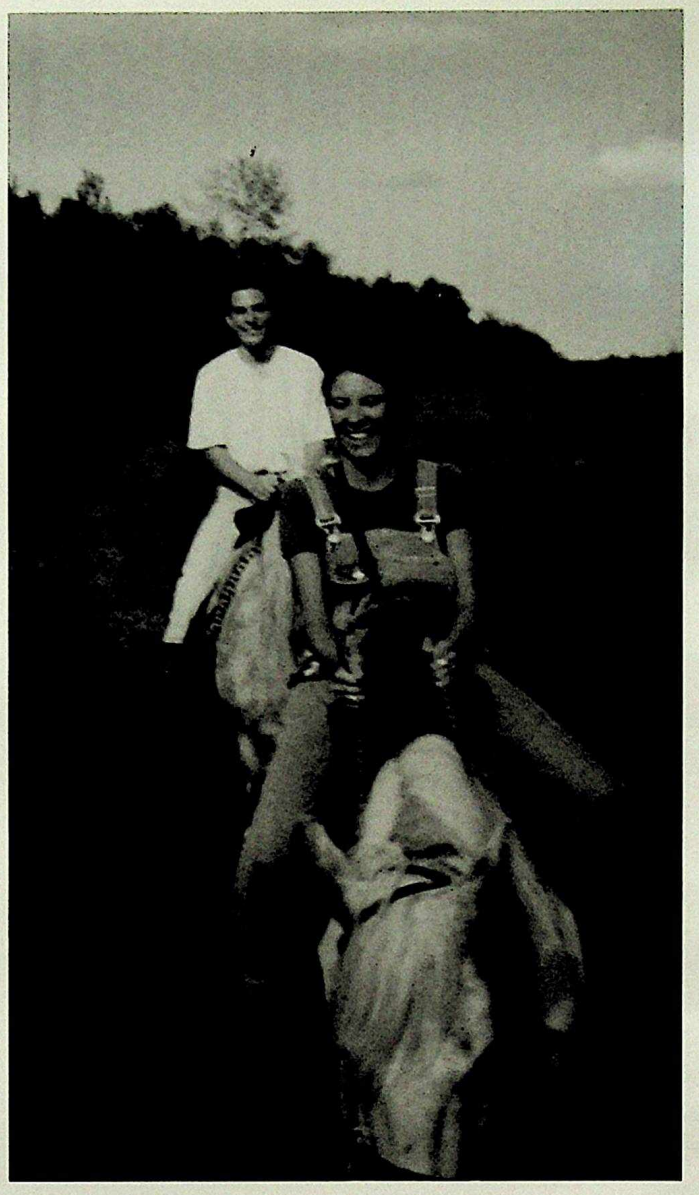


Relaxing after the 12K race. (L-R): Matt W., Marc M., Debbie S., Kerri O., Patti M., Joe H., Behjan T., Isabella L., Evan J.

The Whole Bloomsday Team!: (from top): Mr. Deys, Beth J., Marcie R., Patti M., Kerri O., Joseph H., Marc M., Paul G., Tim W., Crystal M., Isabella L., Matt W., Graham B., Omar M., Loic L., Mike D., Ryan G., Mrs. Deys, Evan J., Paul W., Behjan T., Jasmine M., Shane P., Bailey T., Carly B., Debbie S., Alexis T.

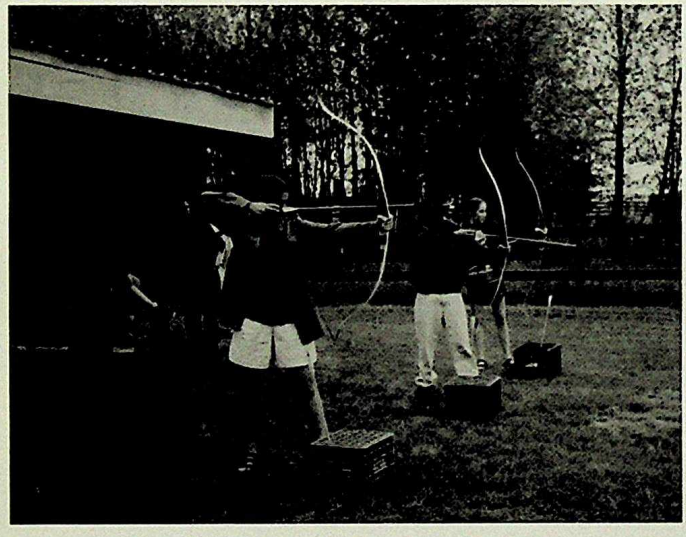
Hodgepodge

"Yeeeeeehaaaaaaw! Ride em' cowboy" -
Ms. Ament and Mathew G. riding into the sunset.



Kaley H. and Bonnie B.:

Buddies Forever



Oh no, they've got arrows!

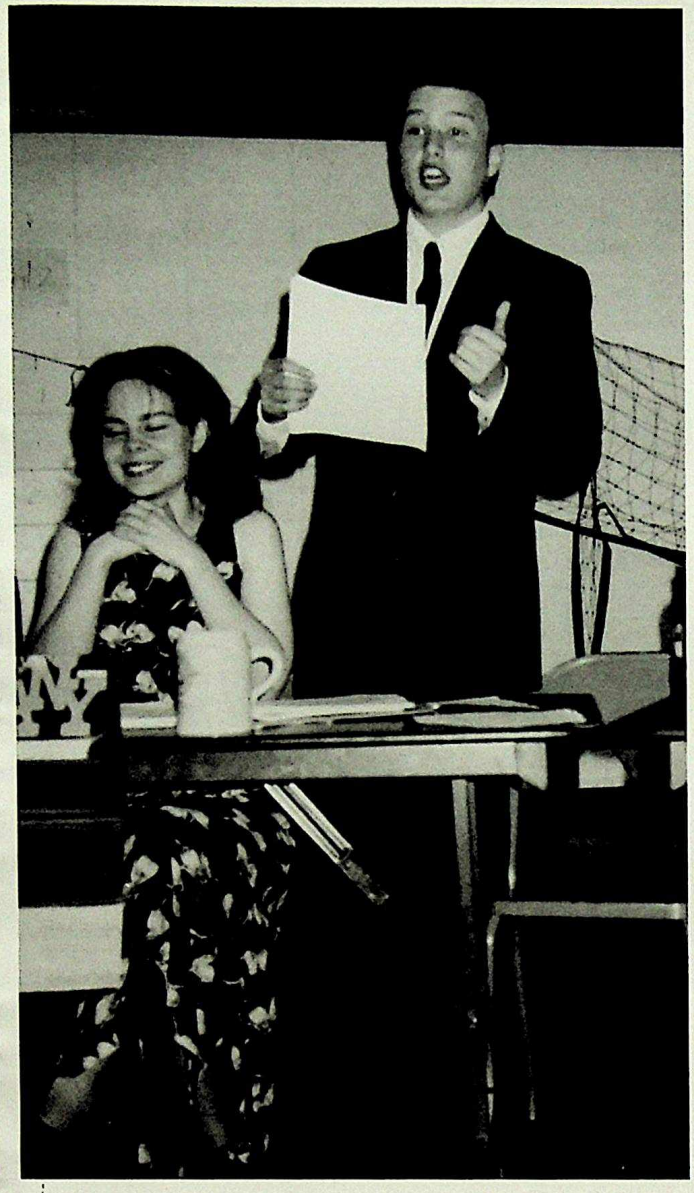
The world will never be safe again!

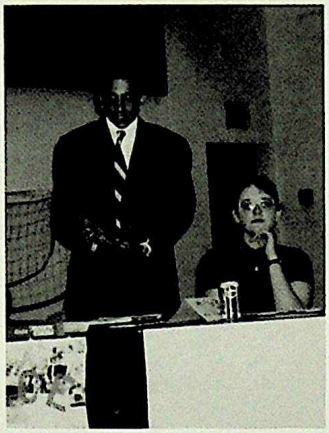
The whole gang at the Teen Time Ranch!

U.N. Debate

A leader in training.

John K. presenting a speech to the security council. Also pictured, Christina M.





And the pressure rises!

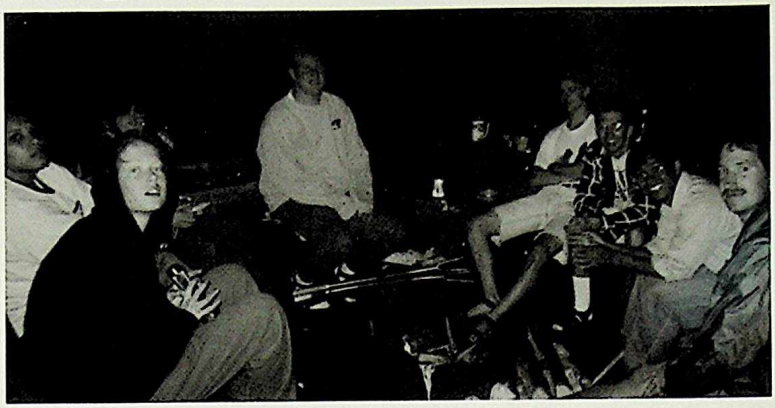
A.J. and Crystal M., making decisions to change the world.

Gourmet cuisine.

Bing L., Mandy L., Lily L., Carolyn H. - Shhhhhh! Everyone quiet, we're trying to think!

Steve H., Jade K., Tracey V. - Collaborating on how to knock down the enemy.

Grade 12 Camping Trip



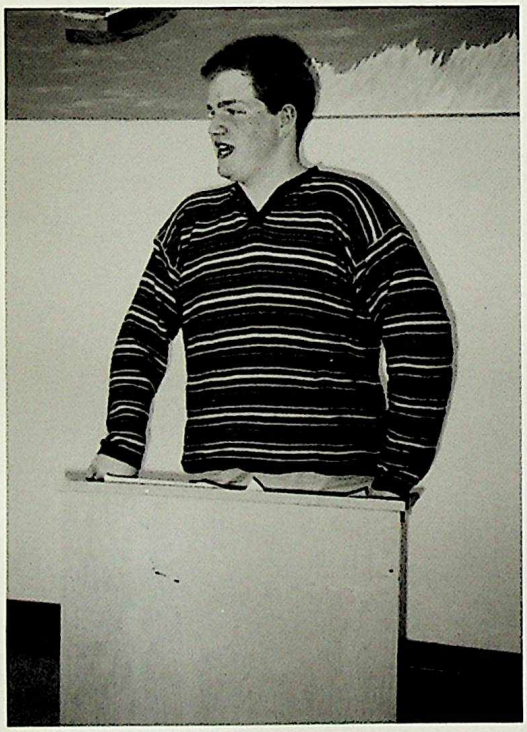
Just like the old days: water pump and all! Matt K., Tim W., Kim N., Debbie S.

BOO! The whole gang telling scary campfire stories and roasting marshmallows.

Horsing around on the see-saw. (Debbie S. and Tim W.)

GET UP, Lazy! (Brendon B.)

Stratford's Speech Contest

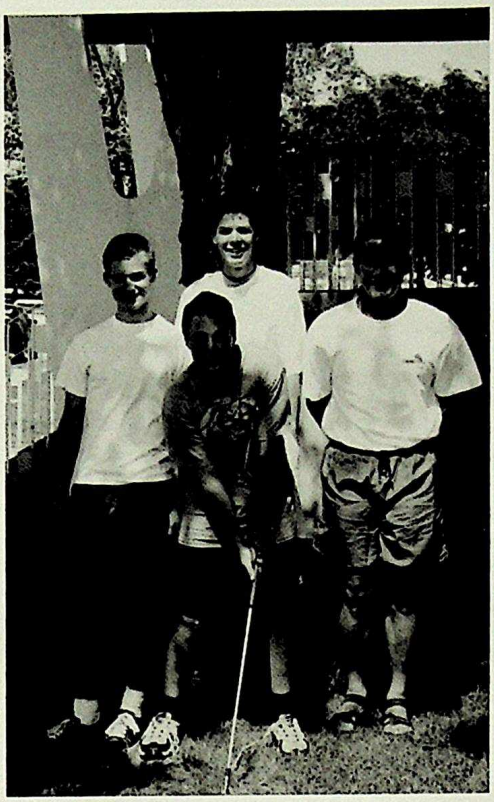


Matt K. delivering his speech to the Rotary Club judges. Matt won first place within Stratford, and he proceeded to the provincials, taking second place and winning one hundred dollars.

Speech Team:
Amy P., Lorelei M., Crystal M., Matt K., Omar M.

Teams

Golf Team

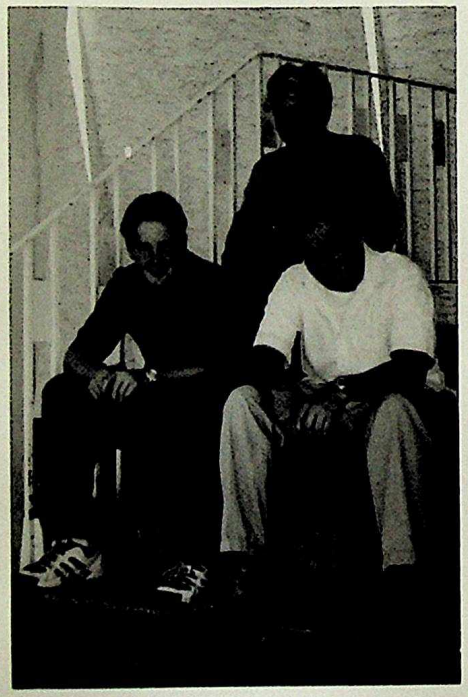


(L-R): Marc M., Chris B., Mr. Jap
FRONT: Graham B.

Badminton Team

TOP: Chris L., Faizal J., Ilya O., John K., Conrad N., Gabriel W., Mr. Jap
BOTTOM: Mrs. Belyea, Bing L., Mandy L., Tamara G., Lily L., Natalie Y., Kerri O.

Ski Team



(L-R): Tom R., Sam B., Dave K.
MISSING: Lindsay H., Greg C.

Soccer Team

TOP: Richard D., Mike D., Loic L., Josh M., Chris B., Steve D., Robbie K., Phi T., Faizal J., Mr. Schlegel
BOTTOM: Sean H., Conrad N., Ilya O., Graham B., Marc M., Omar M., Jason G., Issac Y.

Volleyball

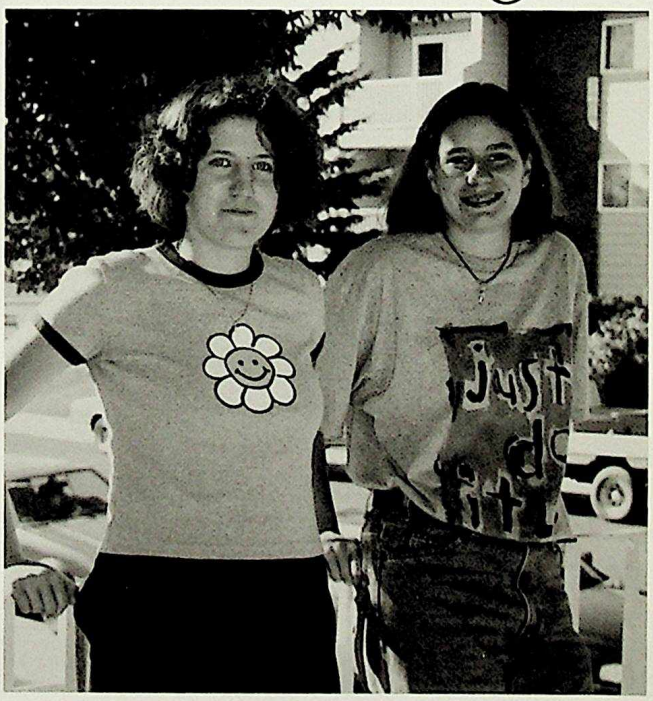
(L-R): TOP: Mr. Schlegel, Tamara G., Maria I., Lisa M., Holly L., Dayna K., Asst. Coach
BOTTOM: Crystal A., Michelle Y., Trish D., Kerri O., Joyce L., Ruby M.,

(L-R): TOP: Mr. Jap, Phi T., Mike D.
THIRD ROW: Matt W., Richard D., Robbie K., Ilya O., Conrad N., Josh M.,
SECOND ROW: Tom R., Holly L.
BOTTOM: Kerri O., Tamara G., Ruby M., Tracy V., Trish D..

Cross Country

(L-R): Paul G., Mrs. Deys., Joseph H., Bennett C., Paul W., Colin P.
MISSING: Naomi C., Marcie R..

Swimming



Lindsay A. and Patti M. Both Patti and Lindsay competed on the Ross Sheppard swim team in their regular swim meets.

Loneliness

As I sit here
Looking out the window,
And what I see is loneliness,
The clouds up there, all alone with the sun.
As I look outside I look at my life
Surrounded by all, but not able to communicate,
Putting myself on a lone ship,
Separating myself from friends and family.
As I try to turn my ship around
The wind keeps pushing me away.
As I look out the window trying to turn around
I think about the loneliness the clouds and I share.
But there is one voice, one haven in the winds
That keeps me going to my destination:
A Hope in all the hopelessness,
The one thing that keeps me from being lonely,
It is the true voice of love.

Ryan Getschel, Grade 12

I first saw her,
In the month of lilies
Standing with a group of friends
That bonded together like
a single organism
Born from the sludge of 20th century life
A child rises from a toxic womb,

She stood amongst them:
Eyes red-rimmed,
Wearing fishnets and
a bondage belt,
as if trying to claim
her sexuality for her own,
her voice was harsh,
it held the weighted
rasp of one who has
done much screaming
And when she looked
at me there were
shields of iron
in her eyes

But when she turned
her back
I saw that her spine
curved delicately,
delicately,
like the fragile edge
of a flower's petal.

Katherine Friesen, Grade 11

Two People

When you see love and you don't know what it is,
You might find yourself afraid to show your heart.
And when you feel it and it's oh so wonderful,
You might find yourself afraid to fall.
Two people holding hands and sharing glances, two people.
God just smiled his brightest smile
'Cause two people just fell in love.
So celebrate.
When your heart decides it's time to let it through,
There's no reason to be scared to open up.
Love may be blind,
We don't always see it.
So just once in your life,
If you hear the knock of love, just let it in.
Two peoples' racing hearts and second glances.
Every smile as bright as heaven.
Oh, shinin' through.
Two people.
God has made the day bright
'Cause two people just fell in love.
So let's celebrate.
The first hello,
The first good-bye,
The first "I'll see you."
The first embrace,
The first connection of your souls.
The glory of the thought of loving you.
Two people sharing feelings,
Taking chances.
Every angel up in heaven invites you.

Tammy Conway, Grade 10

Colors of the Heart

Colors of the heart,
are seldom to be shared,
once shattered, torn or broken,
could never be repaired.

Carefully selected,
a rainbow of its own,
all pieces of experience,
there could never be a clone.

For colors of the heart
may contain some gray,
but contrast is used,
to scatter the gray.

Death then overcomes us,
to take us from our lives,
our bodies lost forever,
but the prism faintly thrives.

Monacco, Grade 9

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